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PRODUCTION REPORT 4: BAD GUYS

ALIEN N ISN'T THAT GOOD AT THINKING UP BAD GUYS, SO I TAKE CARE OF THAT. THAT'S WHERE MOST OF THE FUN IS, ACTUALLY. TOO BAD I HAVE TO SCRAP THE REALLY EVIL IDEAS, SINCE THEY WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN THE MAGAZINE. I OFTEN GET ASKED WHICH CHARACTER I RESEMBLE THE MOST, PERSONALITY-WISE. I'D HAVE TO SAY I'M A LOT LIKE MY BAD GUYS—ALL OF 'EM COMBINED, INCLUDING ONES THAT HAVE YET TO BE INTRODUCED. OF COURSE, I DON'T ACT LIKE THEM—I REALLY HATE THE IDEA OF GETTING ARRESTED.

—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1992

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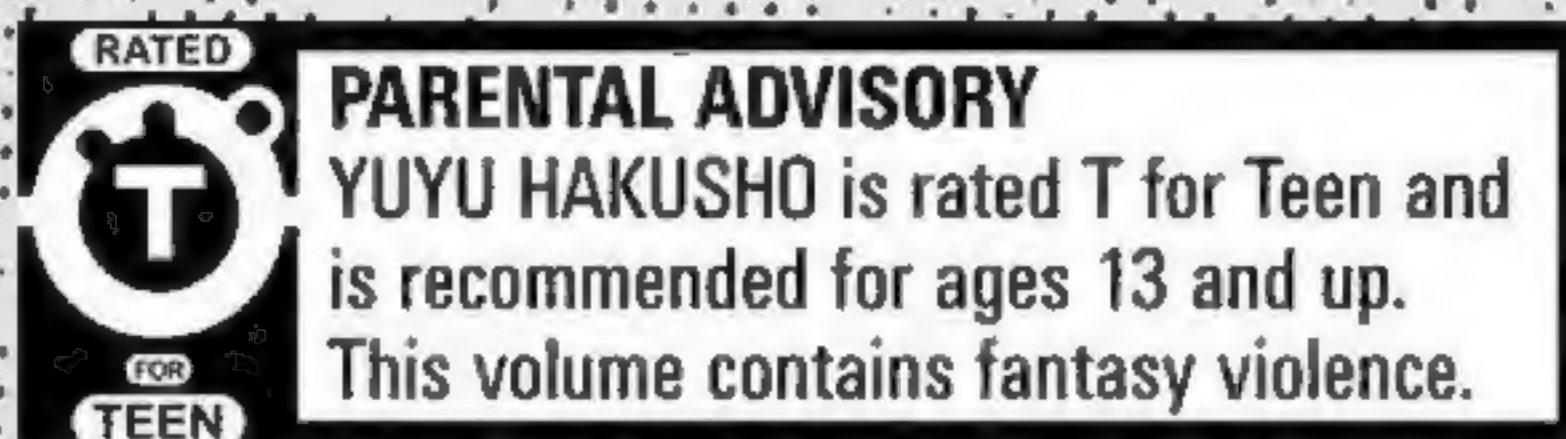
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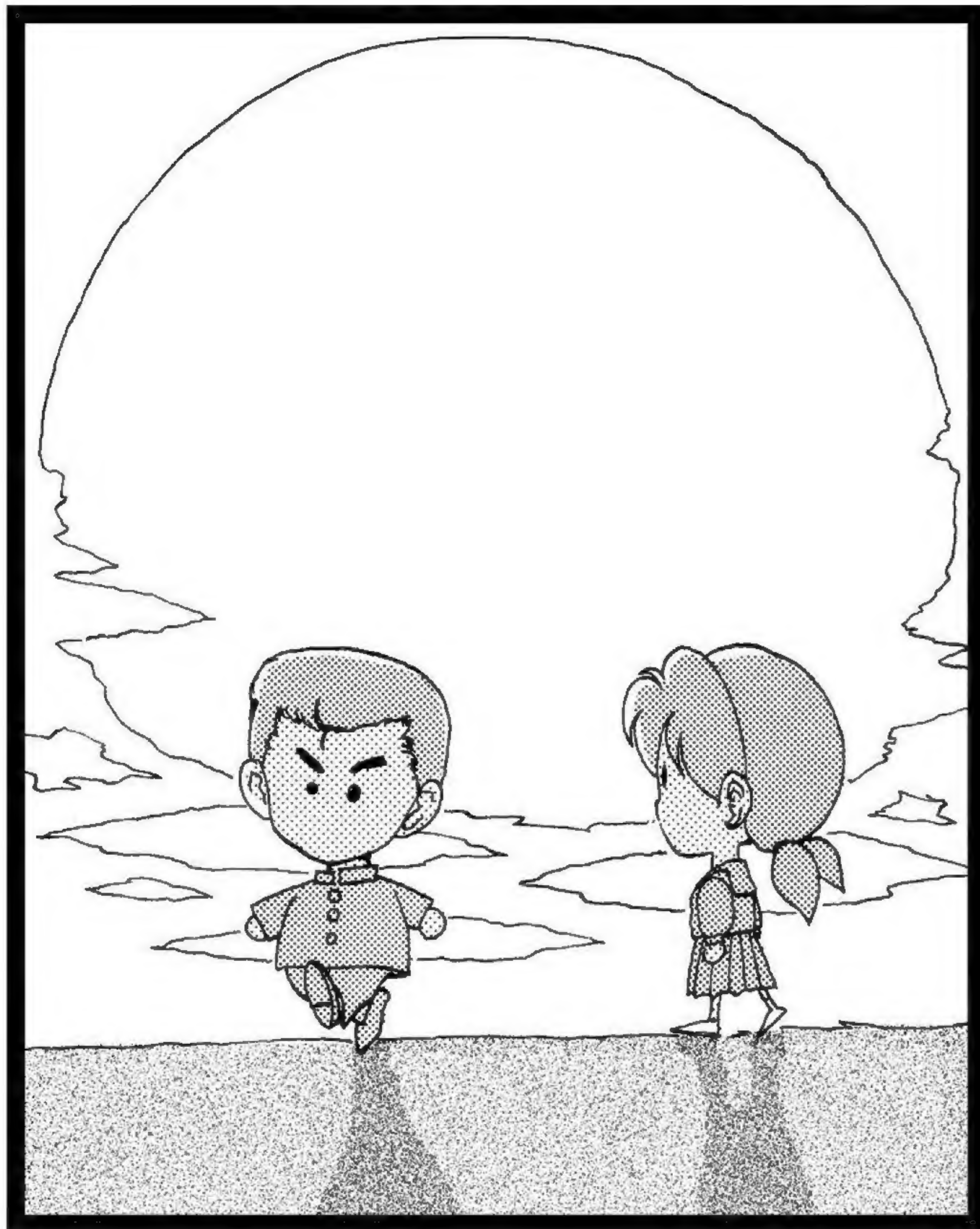
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The Huge Ordeal!!



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Cast of Characters

ふくめんせんし
覆面戦士

Masked Fighter
Who is she...?!

ゆきむらけいこ
雪村螢子

Keiko Yukimura
Yusuke's childhood friend.

ぼたん

Botan
Guide to the Underworld.

うらめしゆうすけ
浦飯幽助

Yusuke Urameshi
Our hero...wields the powerful Reigun.

くわばらかずま
桑原和真

Kuwabara
Yusuke's loyal rival. Endowed with a strong sixth sense.



Hiei

A thief with abilities enhanced by the Evil Eye.



Kurama

A former fox demon. Suppressing his demonic powers, he now lives in human society.

Yusuke Urameshi, our hapless hero, was hit by a car while trying to save a kid and became a ghost. Triumphant over a number of ordeals set before him by King Enma, he earned another shot at life, and now works as an Underworld Detective—a job that, along with being human, does not make him popular with demonkind.

Yusuke and friends have been “invited” to compete in the Dark Tournament, where they’ve managed—by razor-thin margins—to defeat the Jolly Devil Six and Dr. Ichigaki's Team. They've almost made it through the third round against the Shadow Channelers, but things look rather dicey!!

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AN UNEXPECTED DEFEAT?!



FOR
GOOD?
IF NOT...

IS HE
DOWN?



POK

WOBBLE

...I'M
READY!
YEAH,
SURE
I AM!!





Y'ALMOST...
KNOCKED
ME...

NOW THAT
WAS A
PUNCH!!

10!!

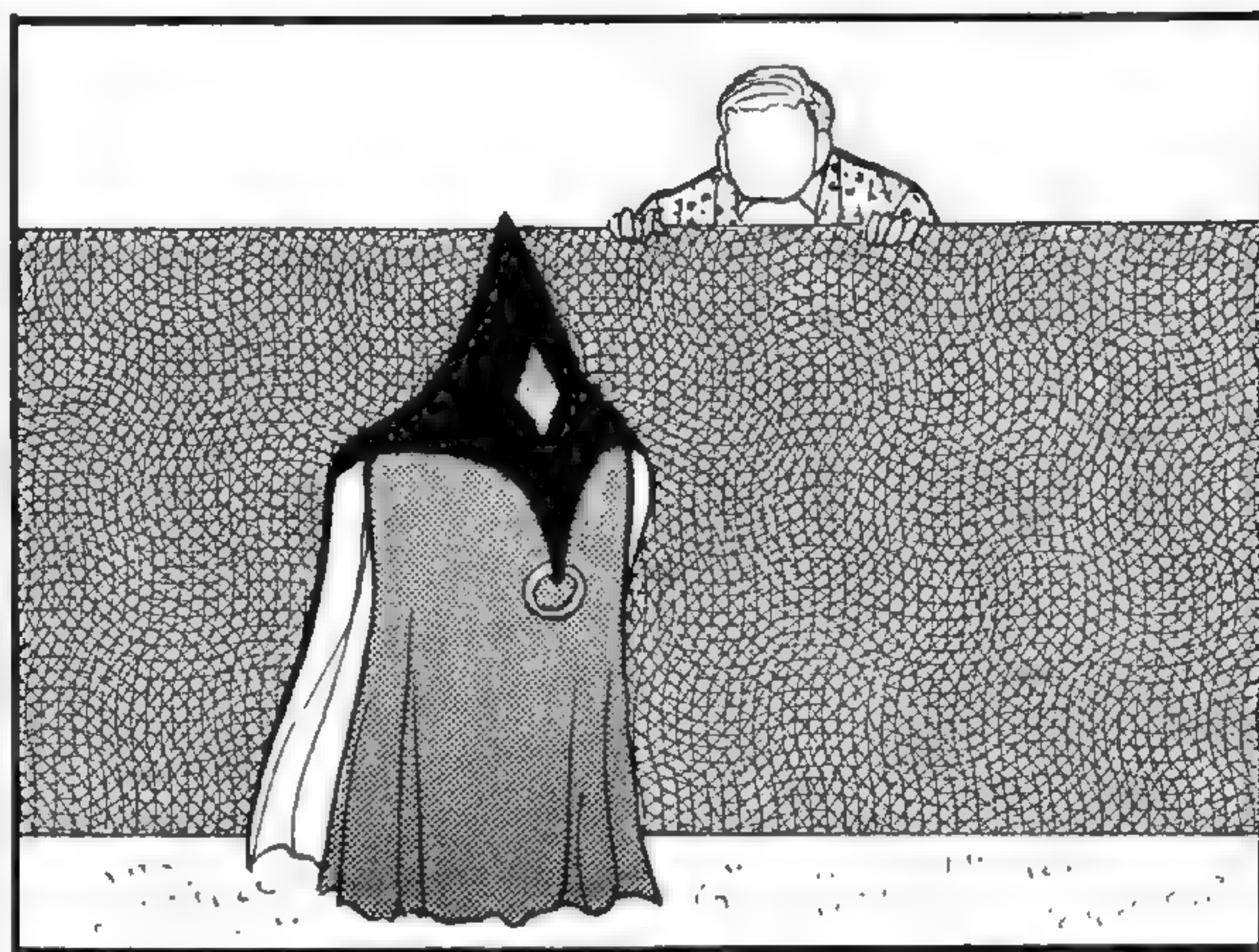
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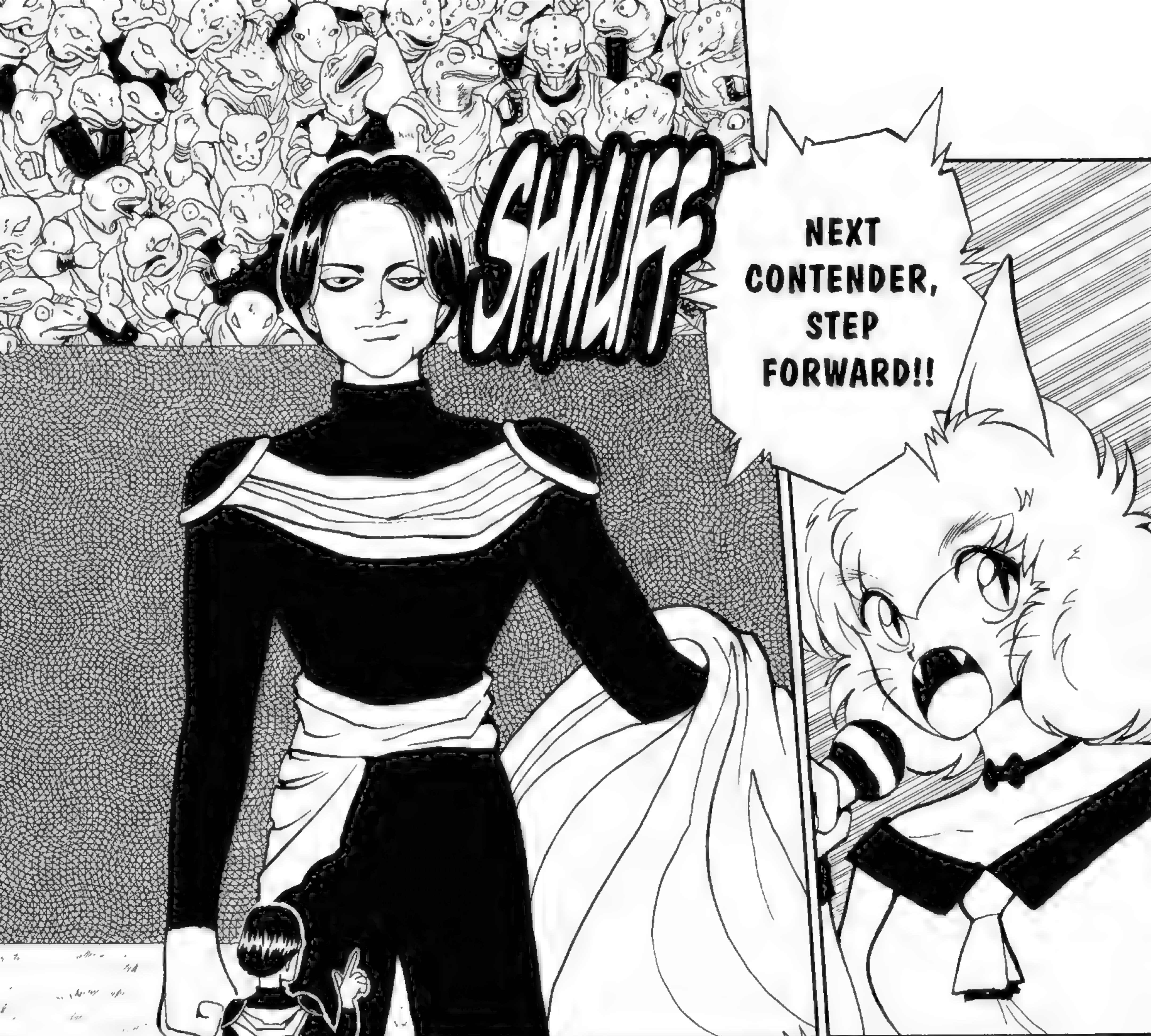
RAZZ

**THE COUNT
IS OVER!!
URAMESHI
WINS!!**

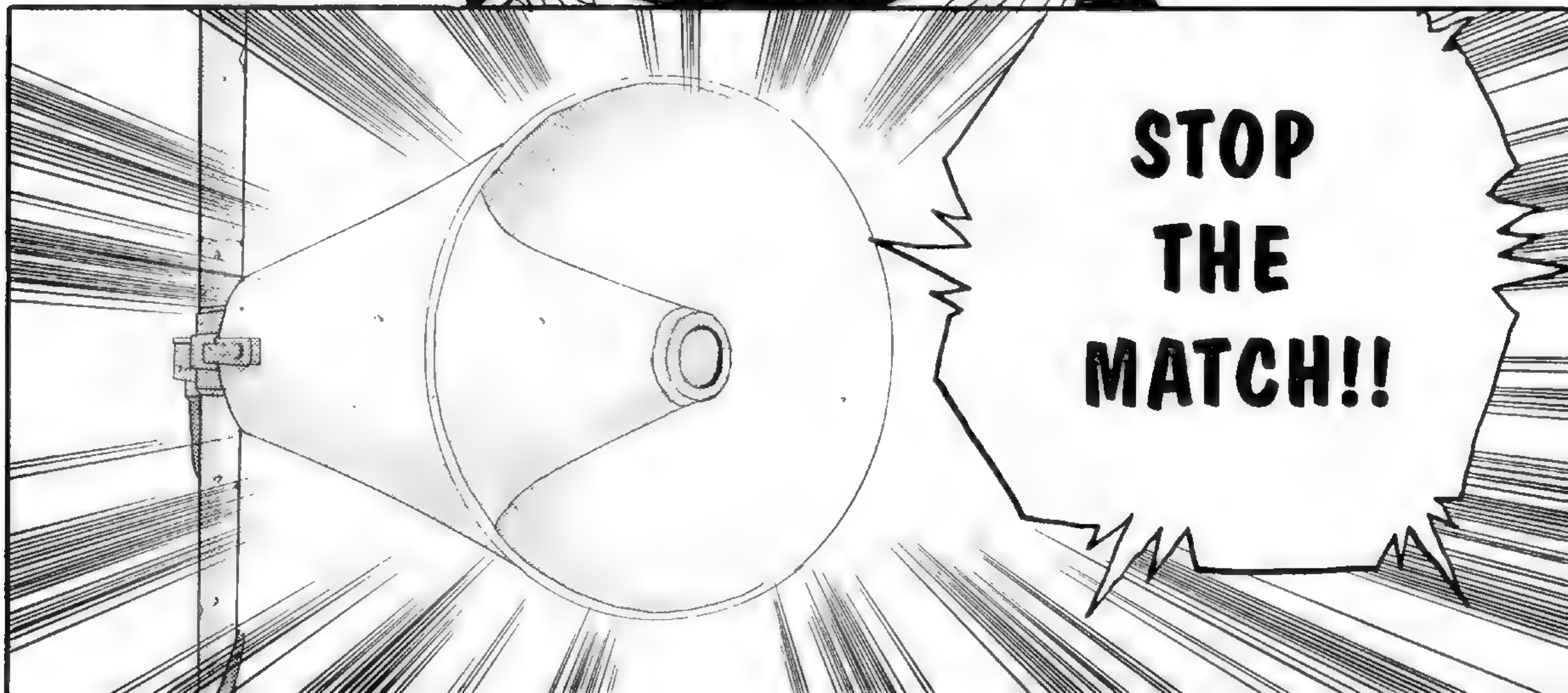


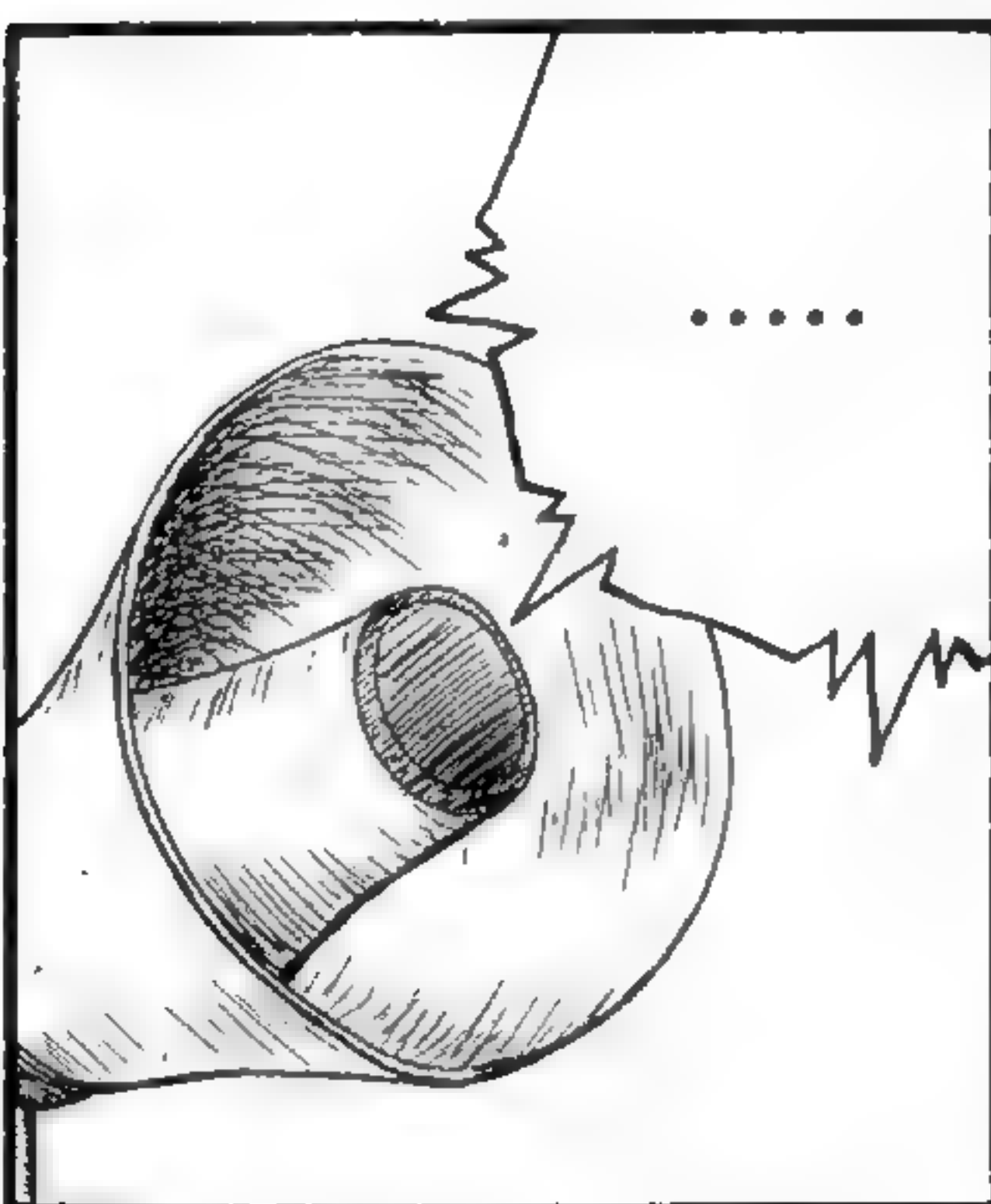
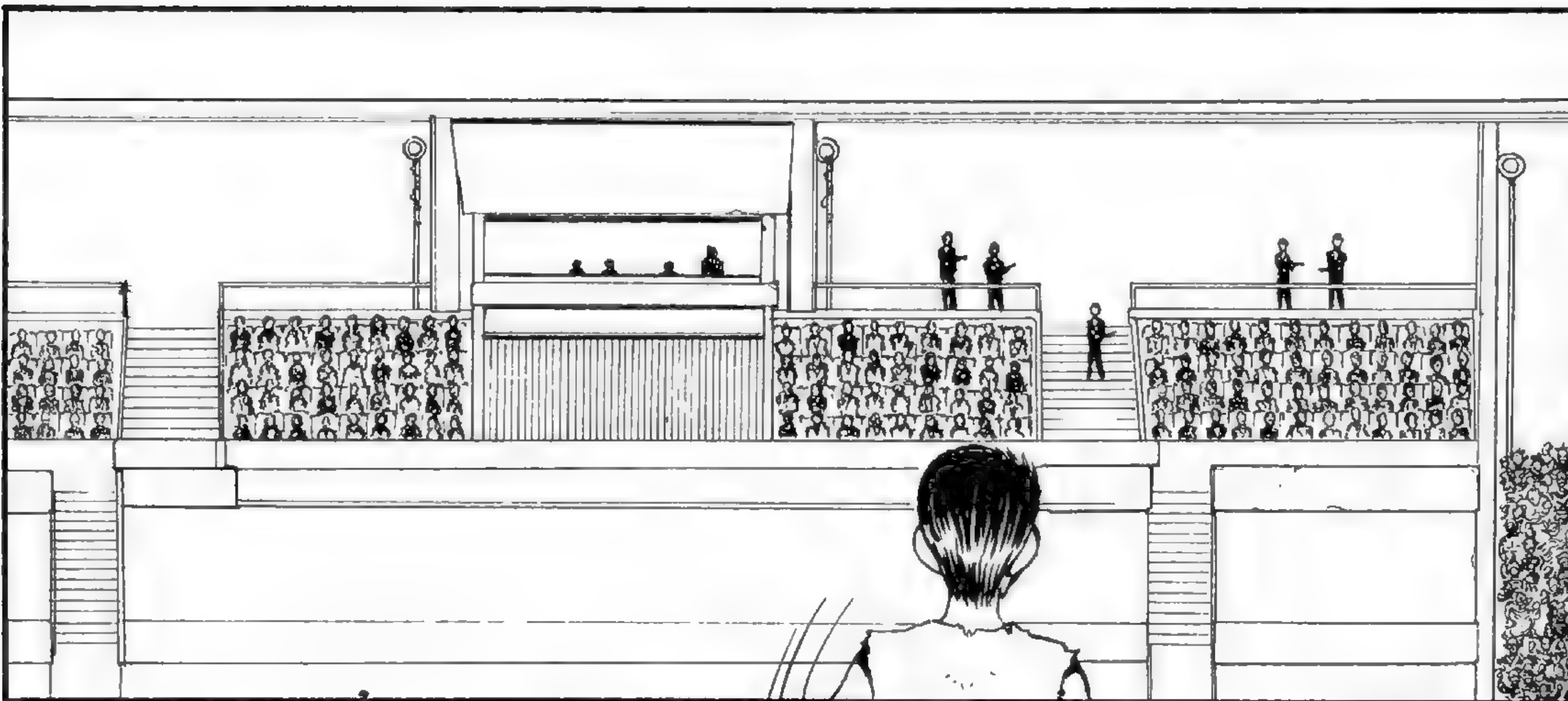
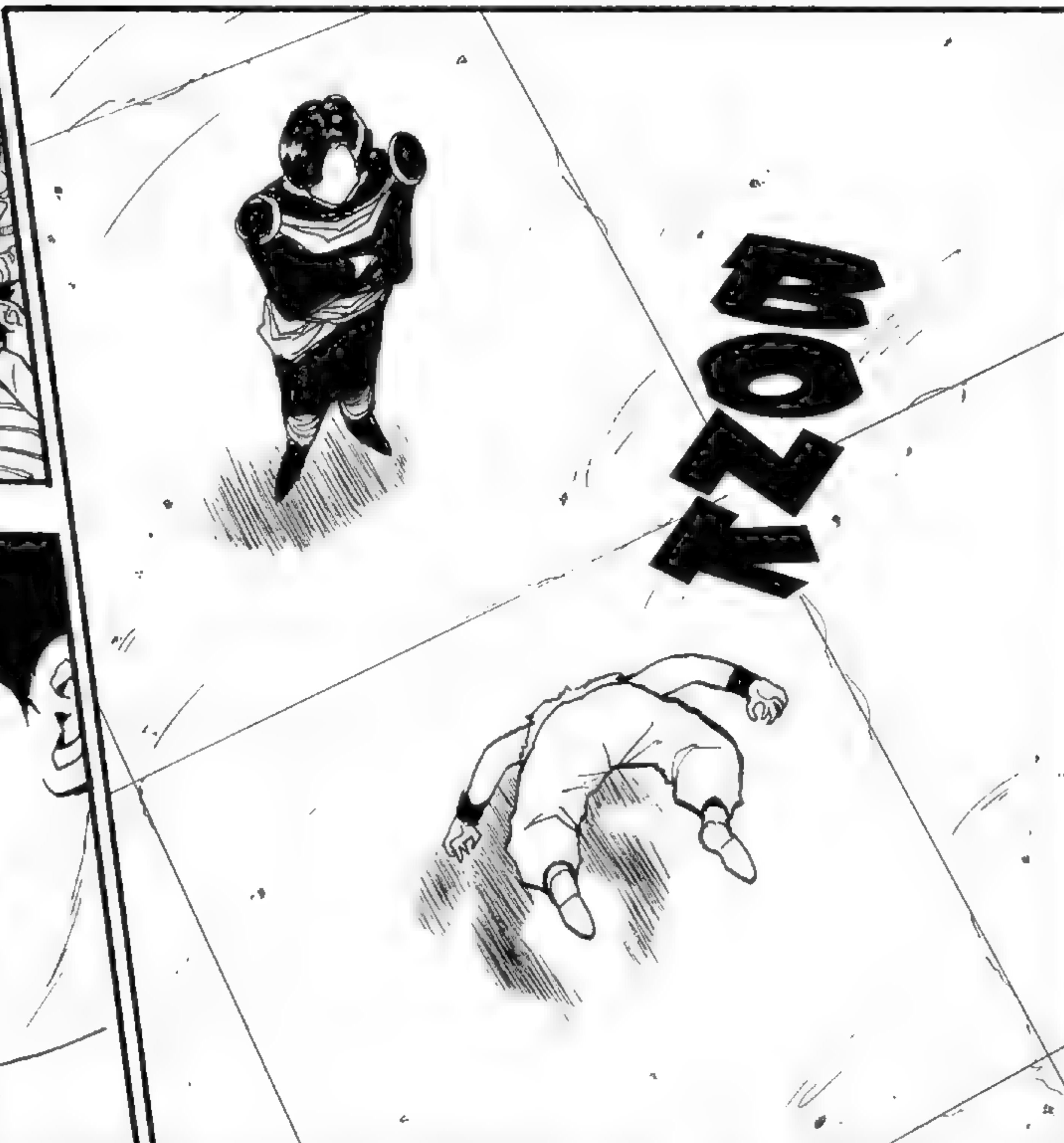
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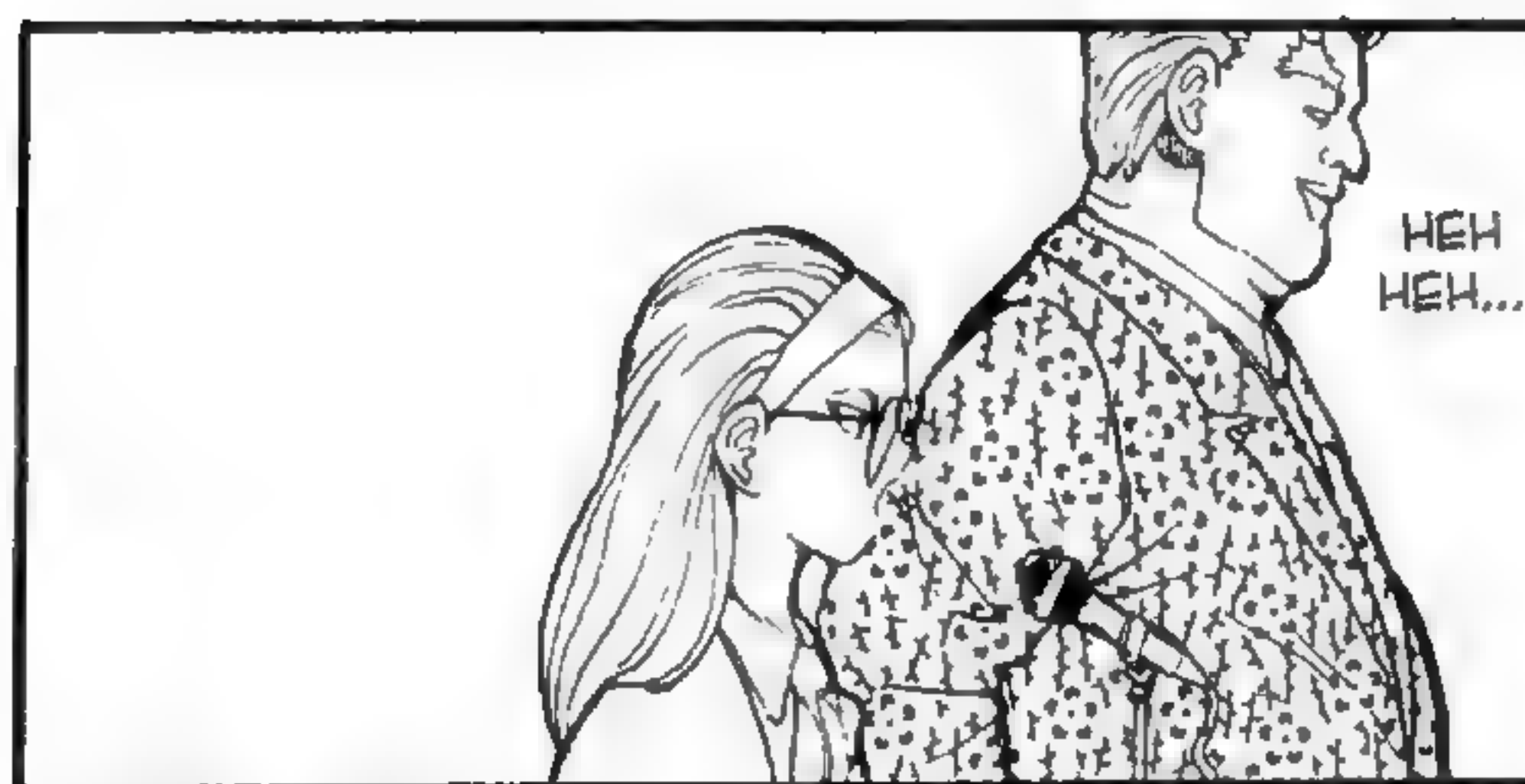




PUPPET NOSE







HEH
HEH...

...THE REFEREE
DID NOT PROCEED
WITH THE COUNT AT
THE REGULATION
PACE! IN SHORT,
SHE WAS SLOW!

IT HAS BEEN
DECIDED THAT
WHEN URAMESHI
FELL OUT OF
BOUNDS IN
THE PREVIOUS
MATCH...



COUNT
TOO
SLOW
?!

HUH?
ME?!



AFTER
CONSIDER-
ING THE
MATTER...



MURMUR



...THE
COMMITTEE HAS
RULED THE MATCH
BETWEEN
URAMESHI AND
JIN A DRAW!!

BOTH
OF 'EM
RULED OUT OF
BOUNDS?



DIDYA
GET
THAT?

YEAH!
AND WITH
HIEI AND
THE MASKED
FIGHTER...

SO
URAMESHI'S
BEEN
ELIMINATED
?

NOPE...
'BOUT RIGHT,
I THOUGHT
...

DID THE
COUNT
SEEM SLOW
T'YOU?

**BUZZ
BUZZ**

IF
THAT'S SO,
THEN...

...TEAM
URAMESHI
HAS
LOST?

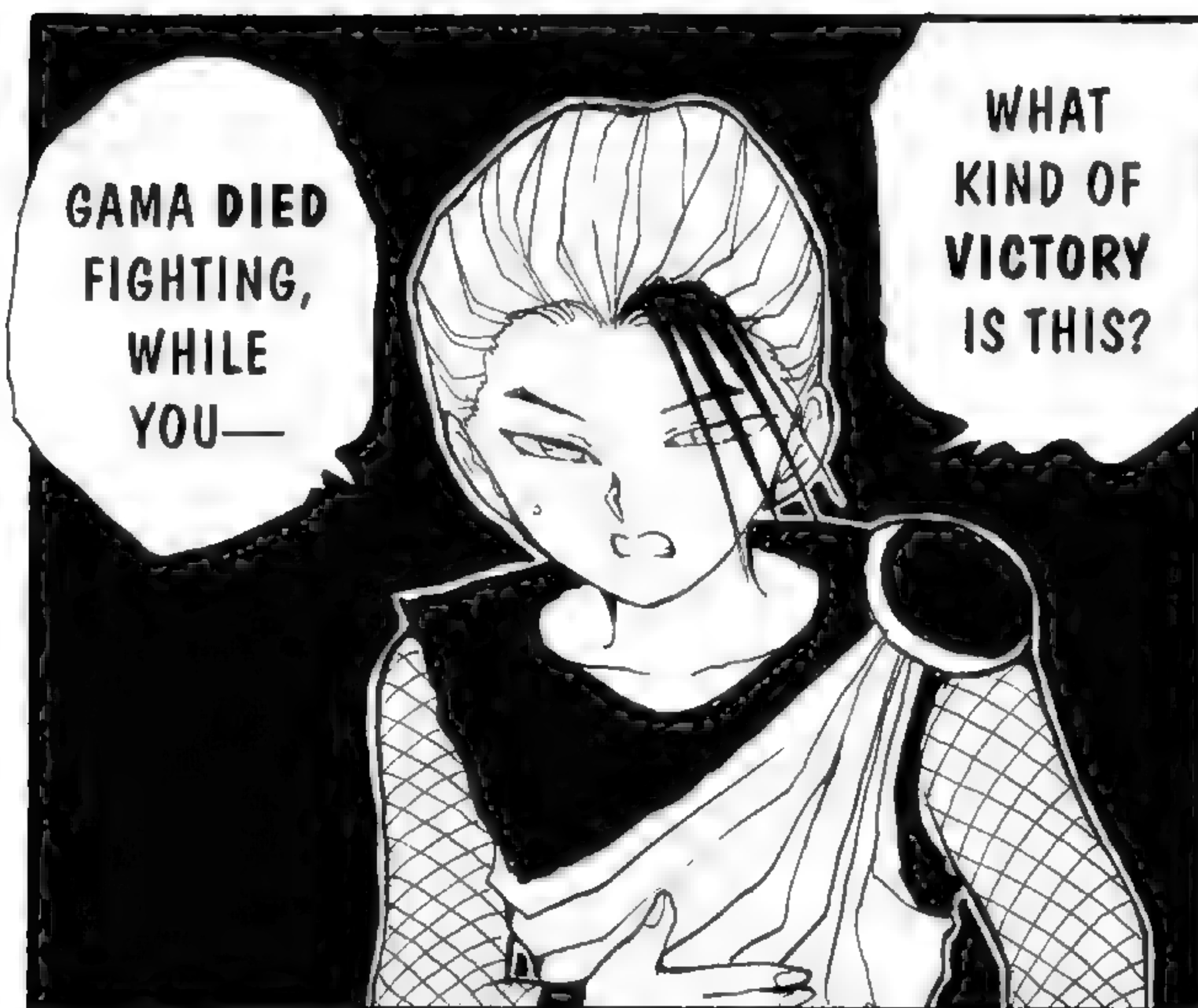
...AND
THAT'S
RISHO!



...OUT
OF THE
RUNNING,
THERE'S ONLY
ONE GUY
LEFT...











LET
THE STRONG
SURVIVE,
NO HOLDS
BARRED!

...SO WE'LL
MAKE THEM
RESPECT
US!

...I'M FED
UP WITH
THIS CRAP,
TOO!

YOU'RE
RIGHT,
HIEI...

...THE
POWER TO
BACK IT UP!
I CAN'T HOLD
HIM!!

HE'S NOT
KIDDING!!
AND HE'S
GOT...

YIKES!

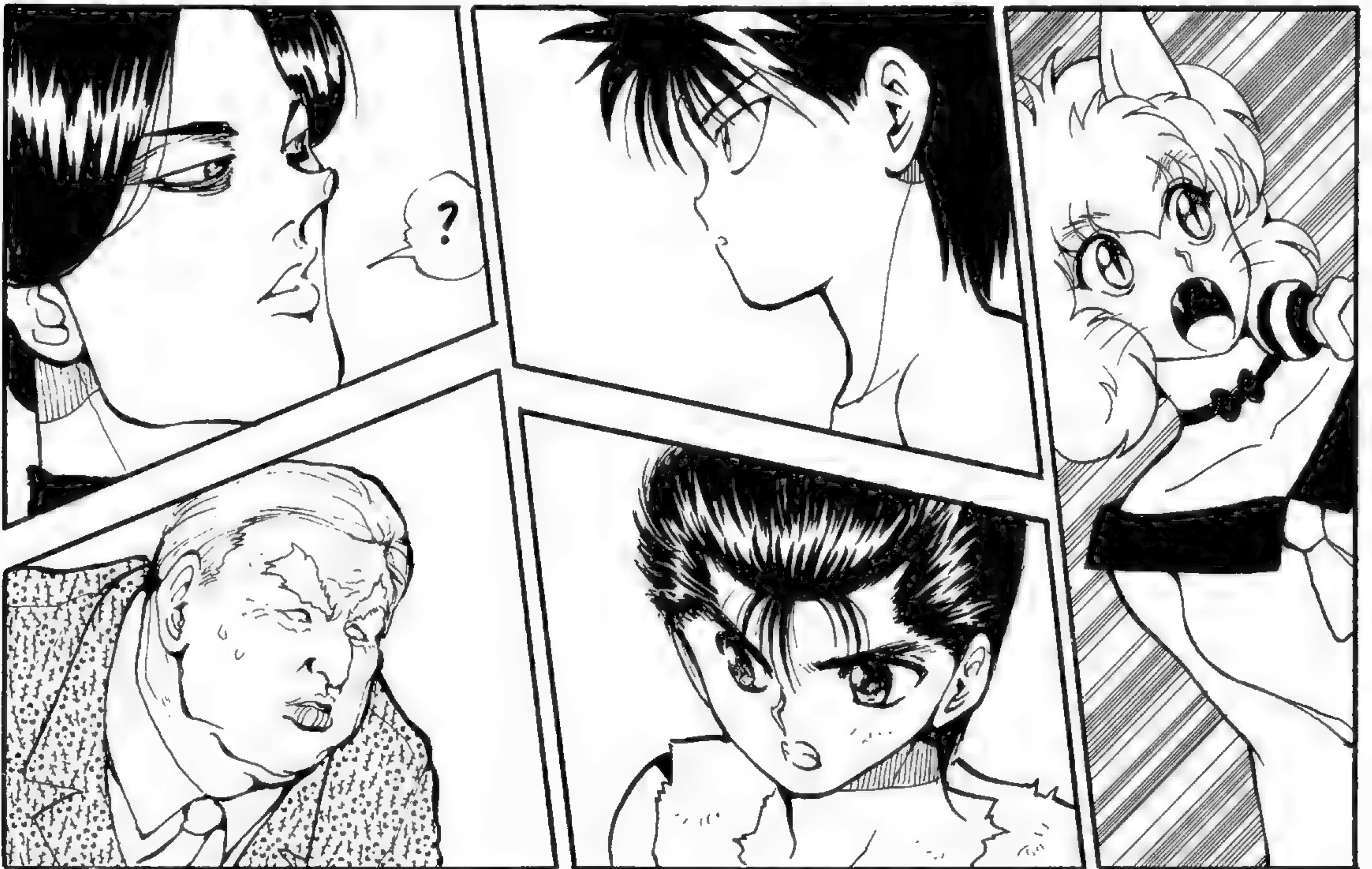
MUCH AS I HATE
TO SAY THIS...TEAM
URAMESHI IS OUT OF
CONTENTION!
THE SHADOW
CHANNELERS
ARE...

.....

HEY...
THIS
SOUNDS
GOOD!!

THESE
GUYS
WANT
MAYHEM
?!

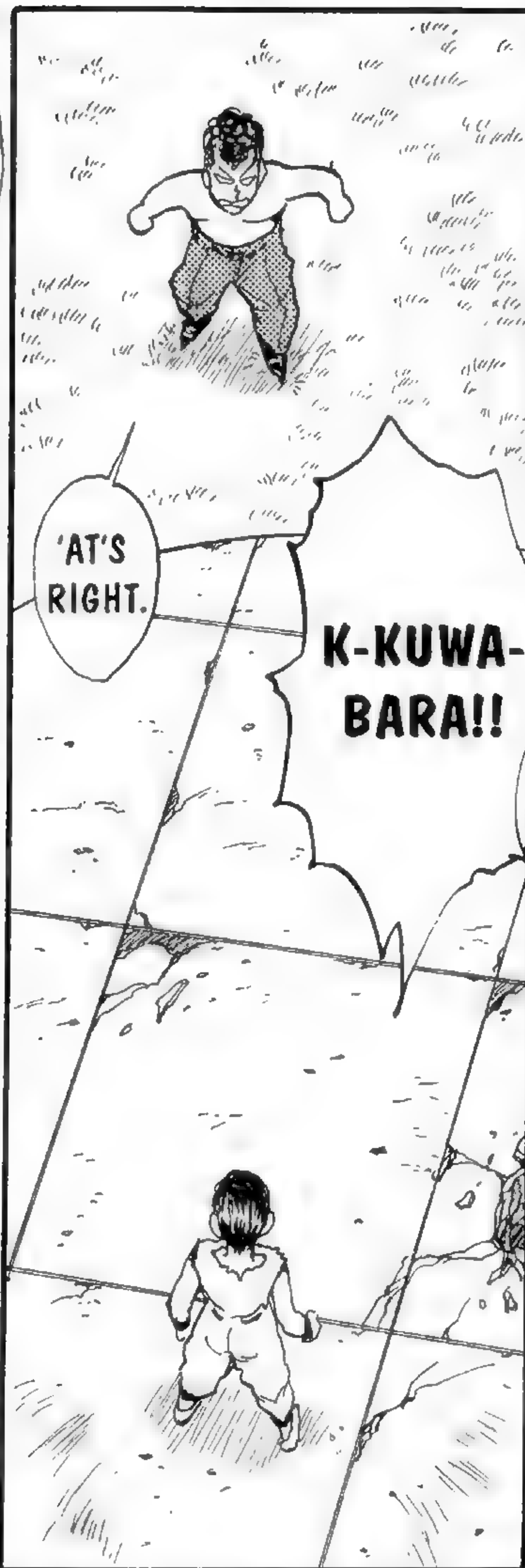
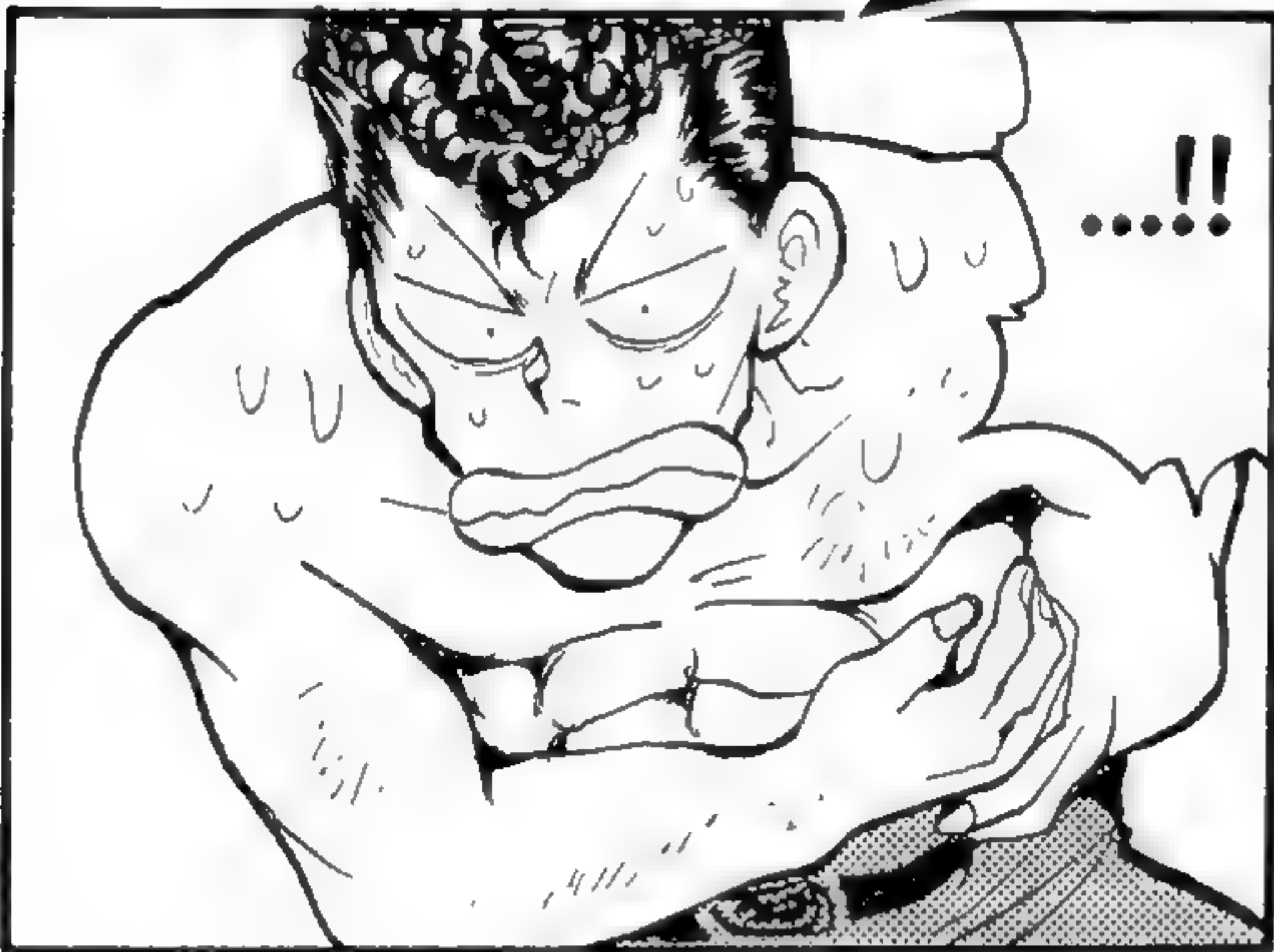
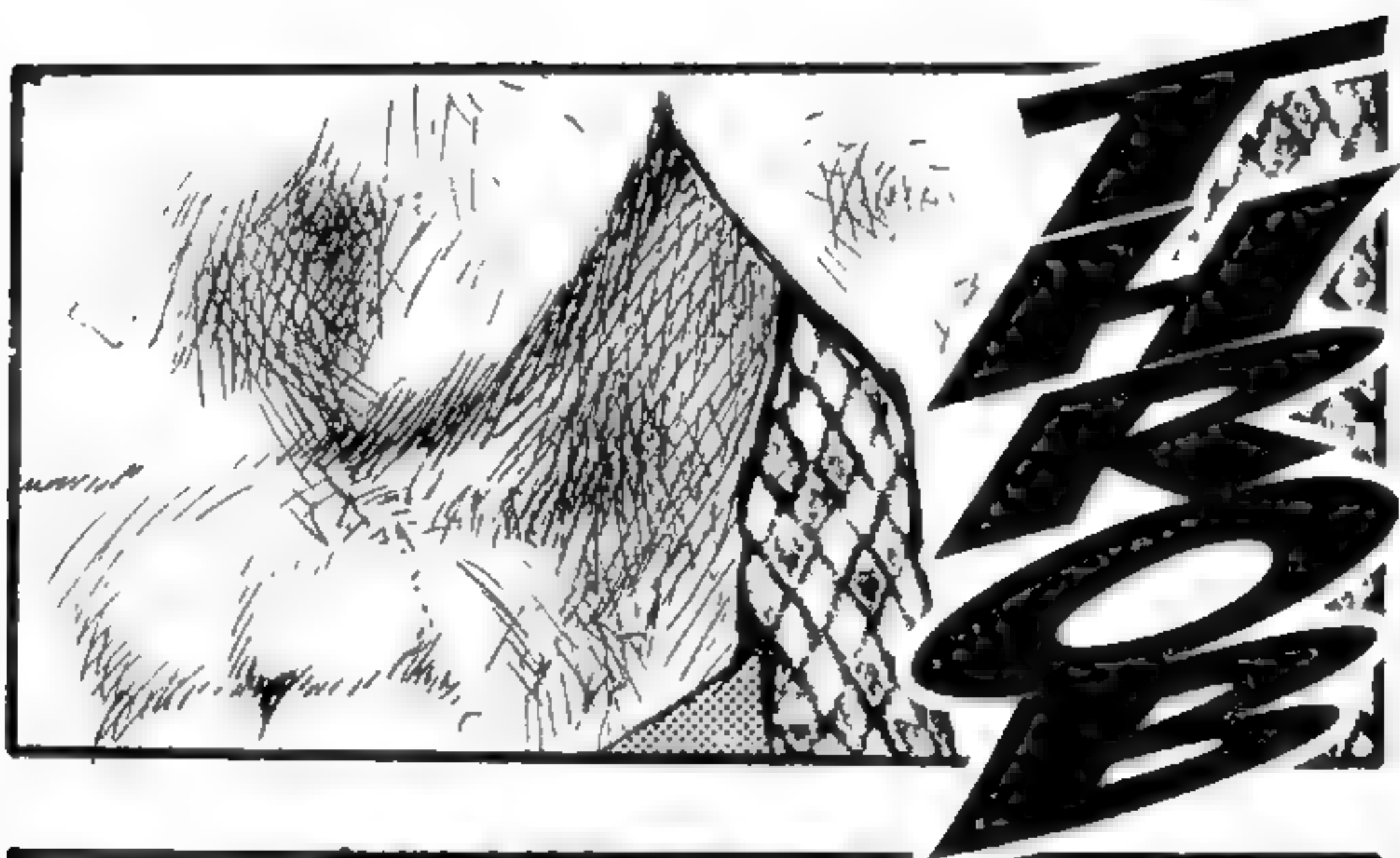
WE'LL
GIVE 'EM
MAYHEM
!!

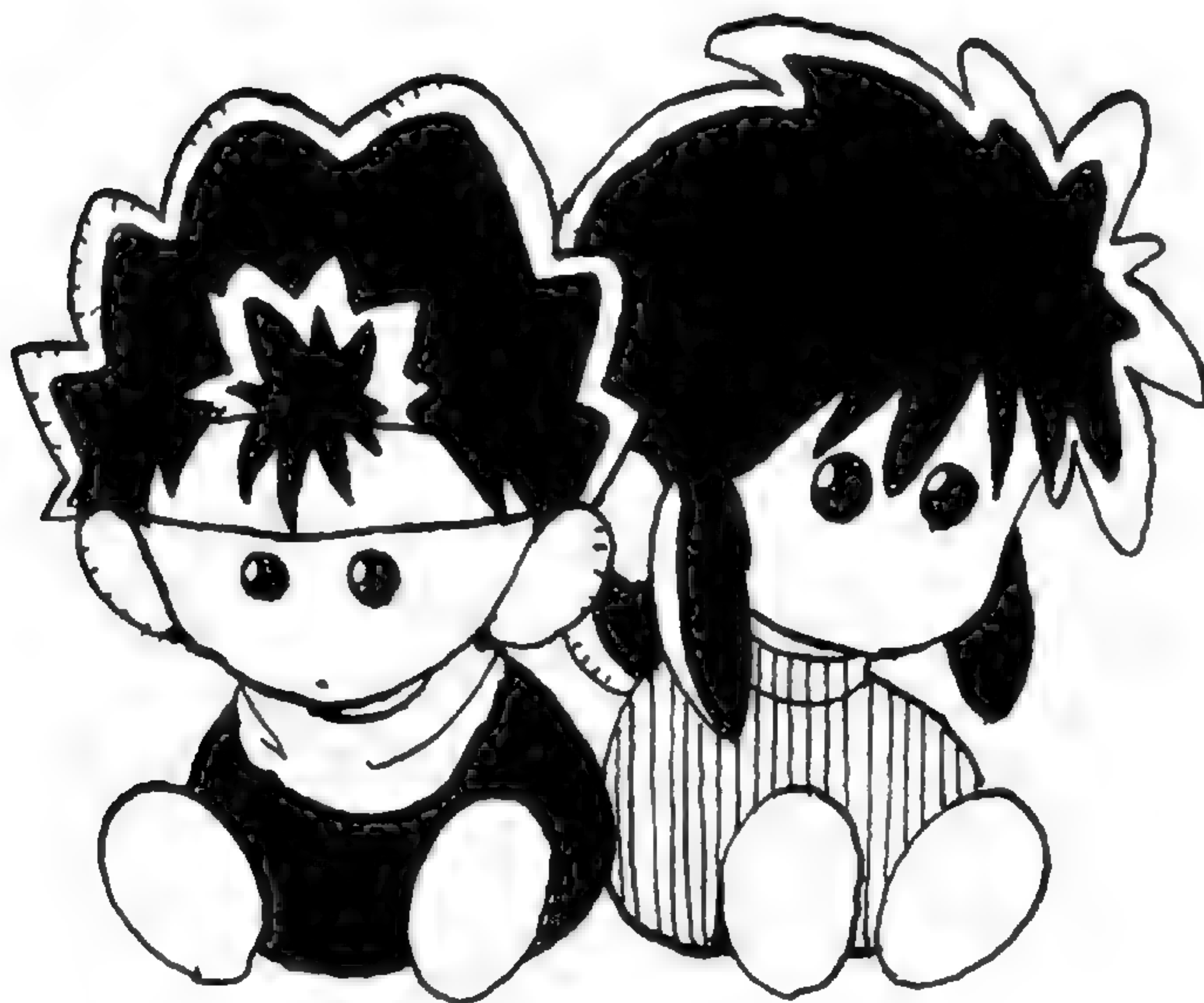




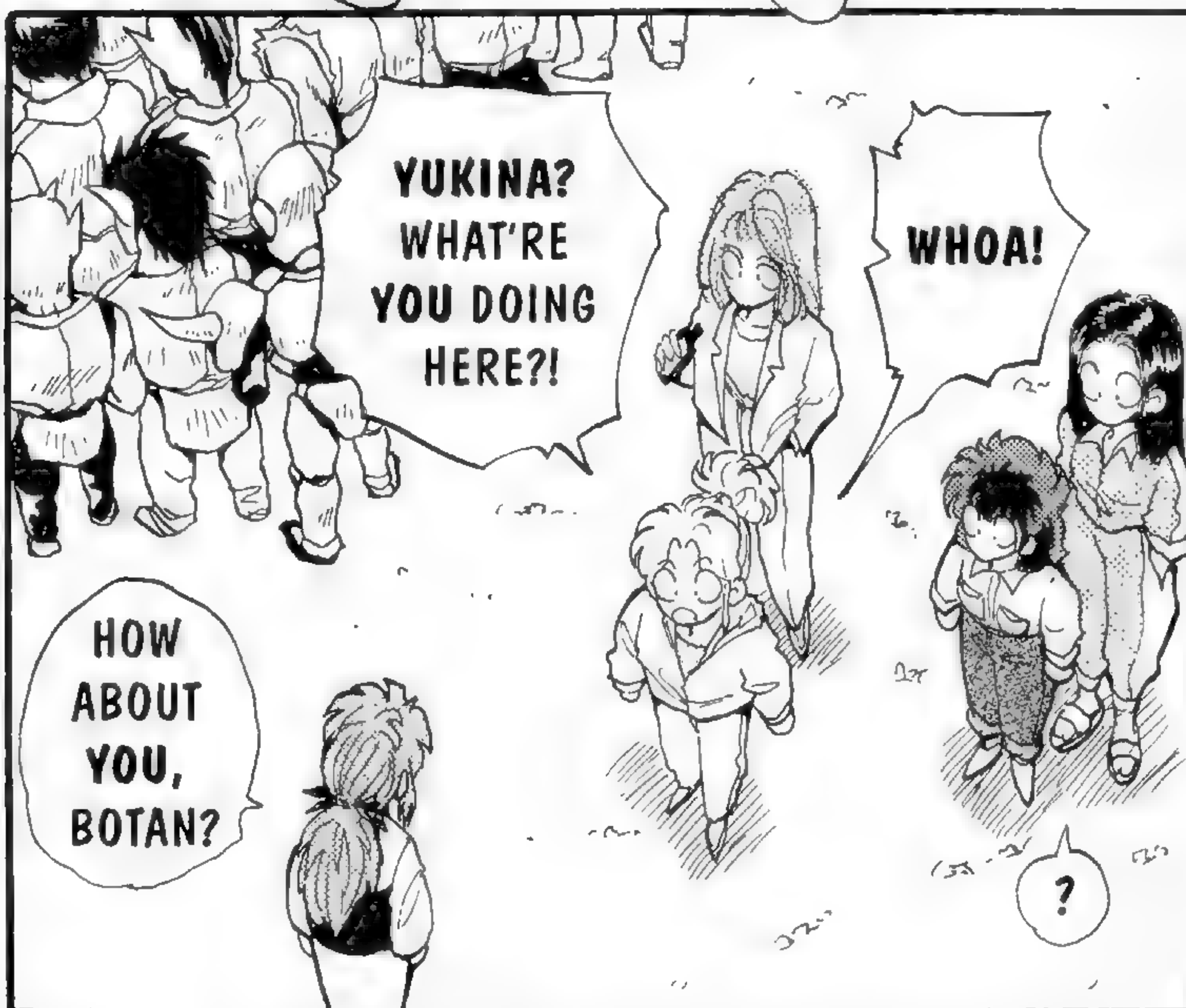
THAT'S
WHAT I SAY,
ANYWAY!

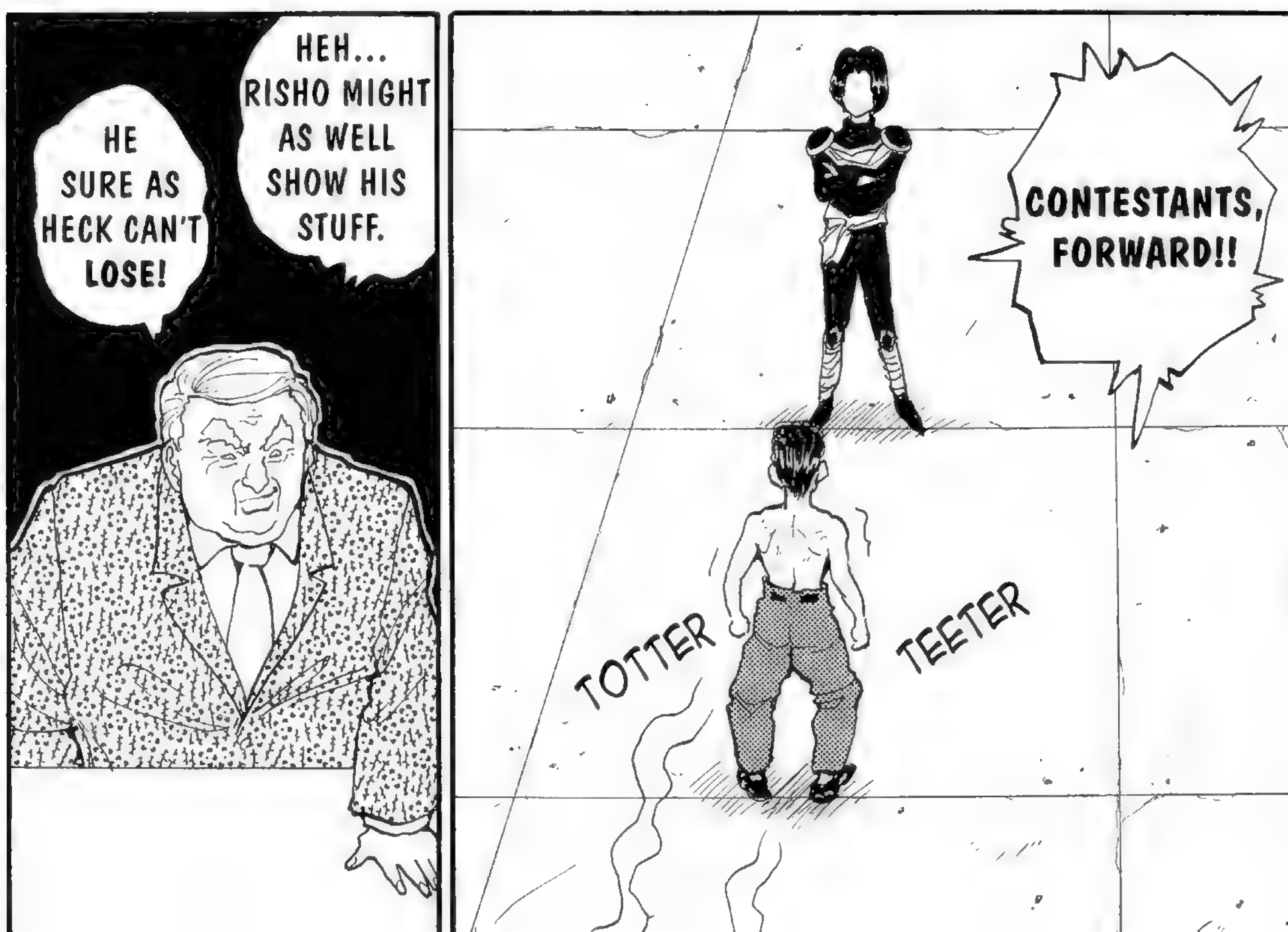
Y'ALL
FORGET
ABOUT LI'L
OL' ME?



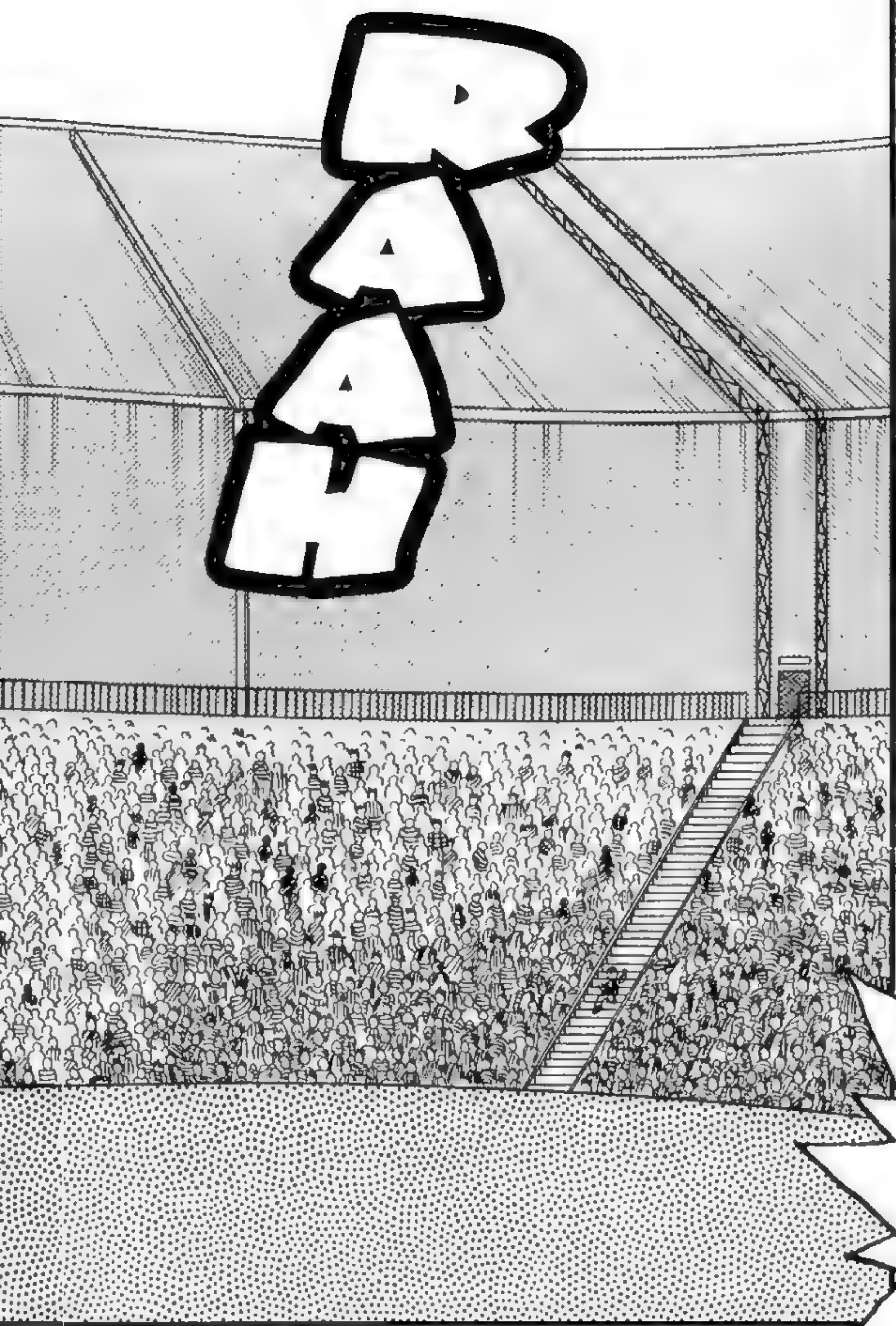




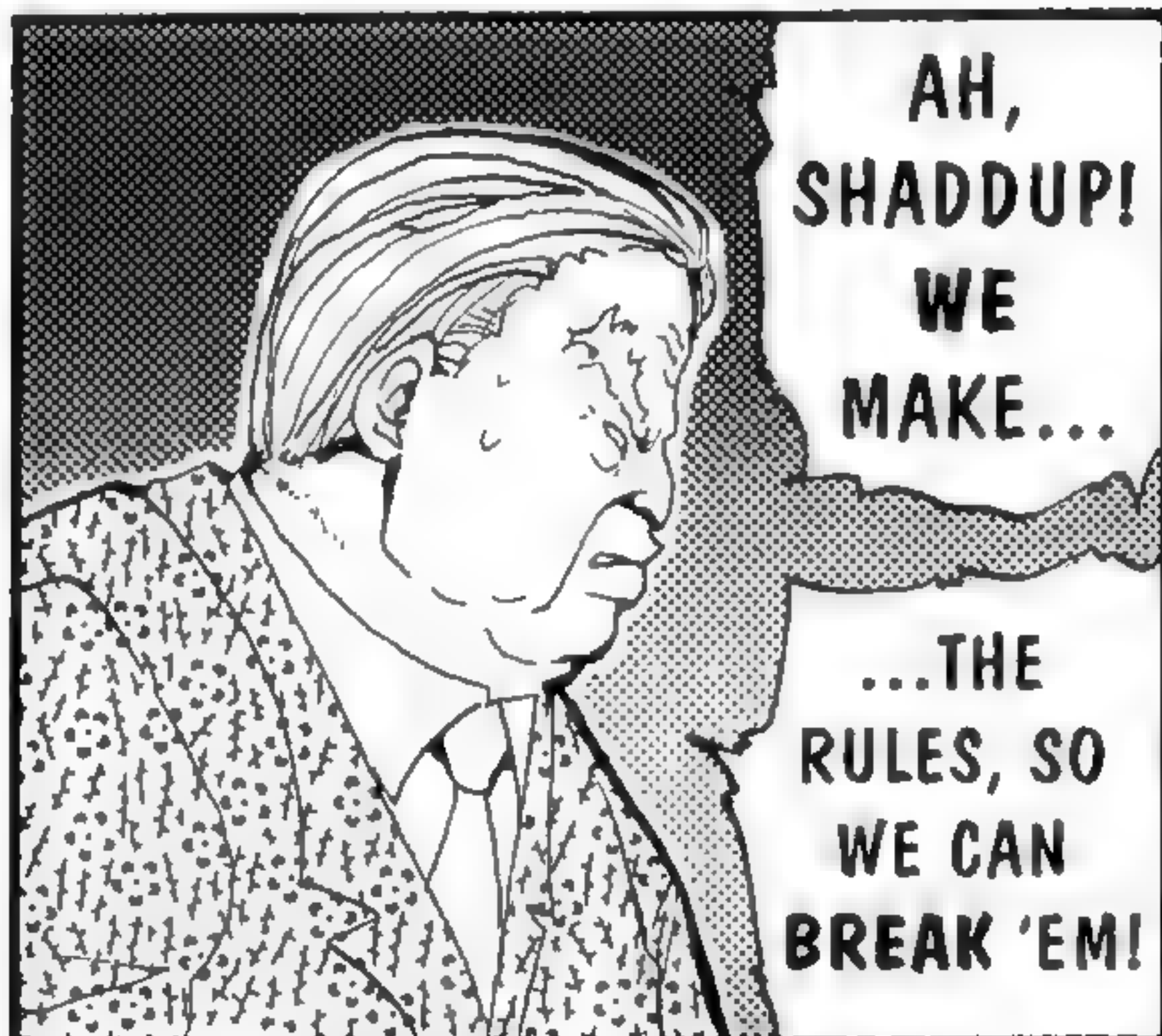
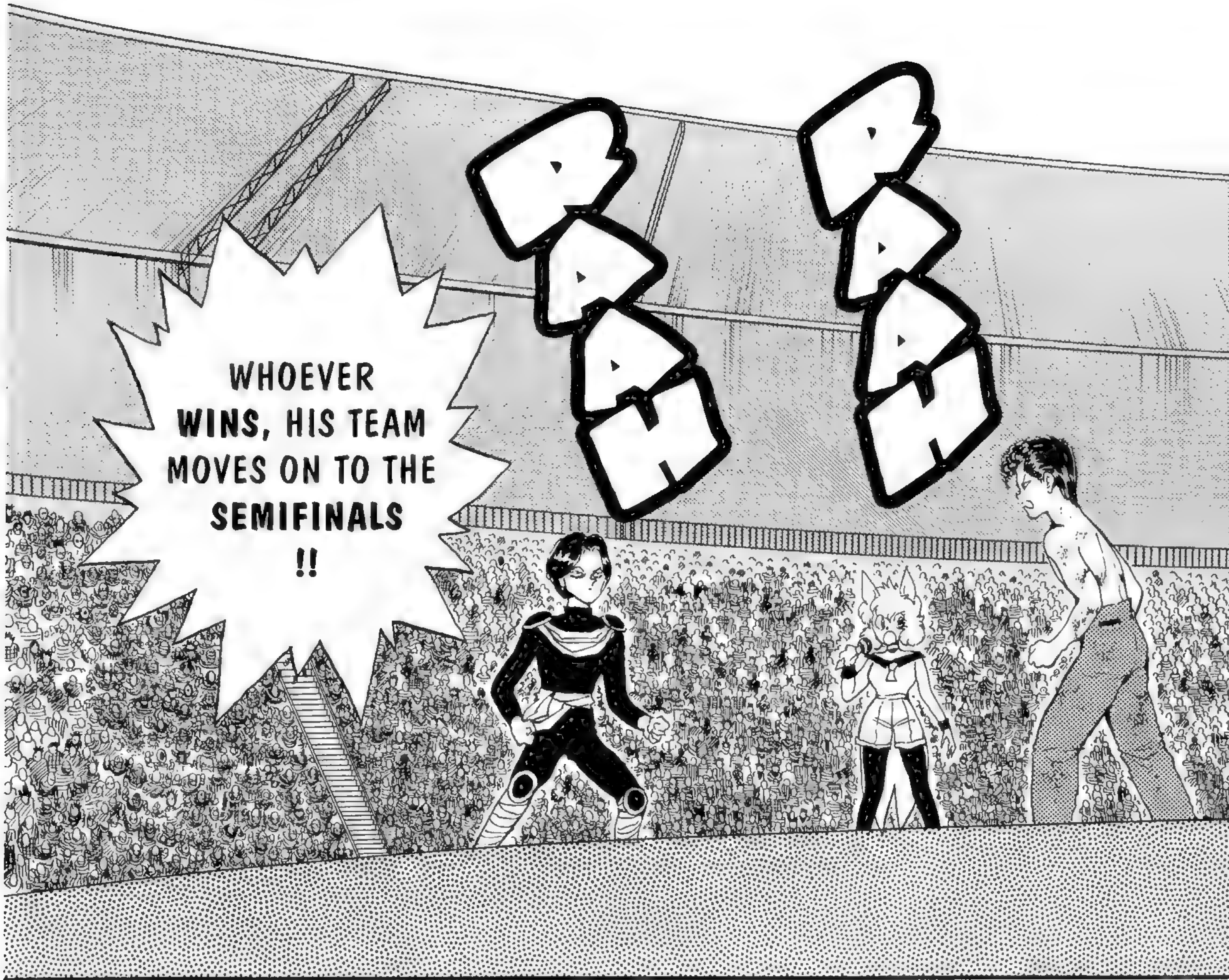


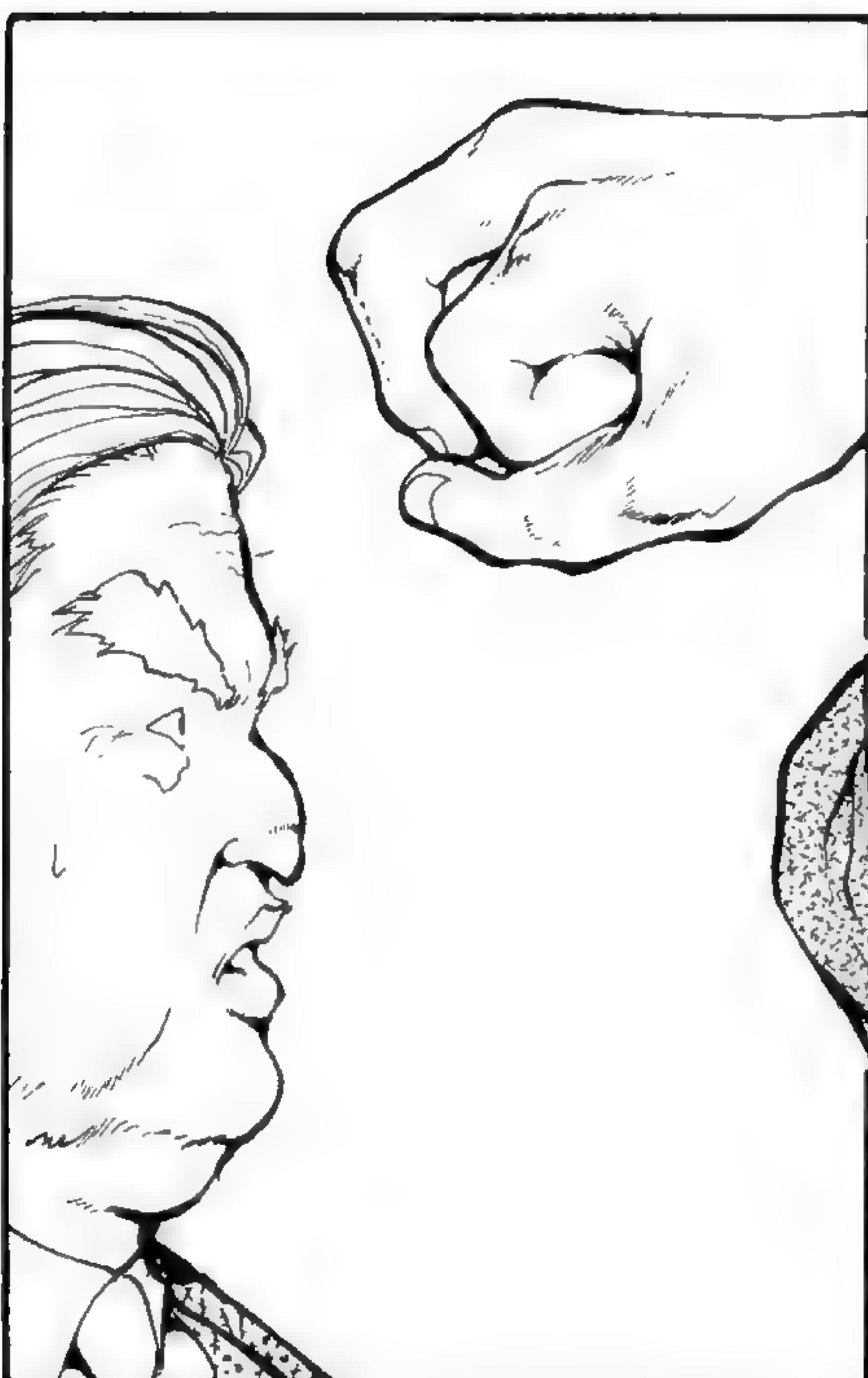
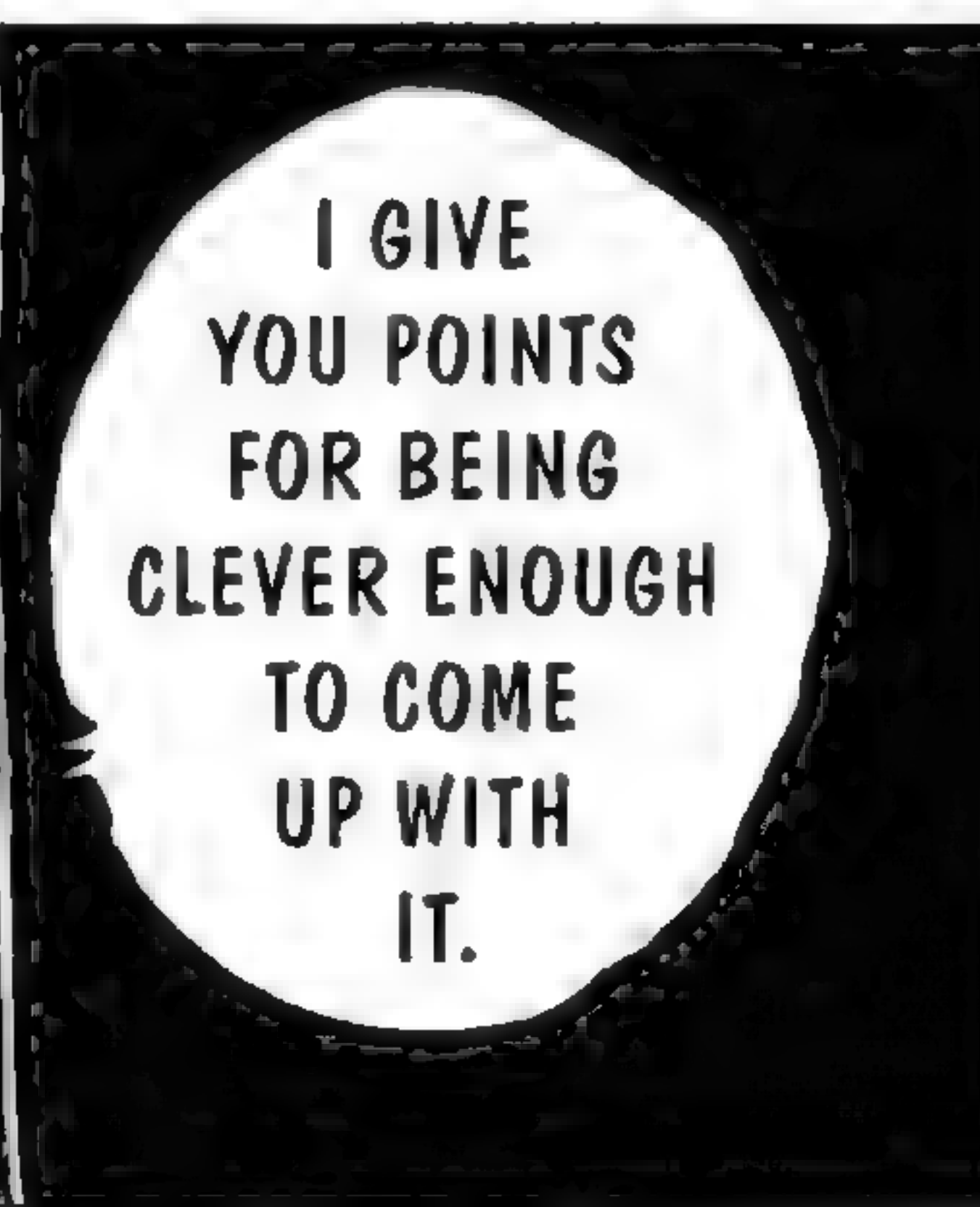
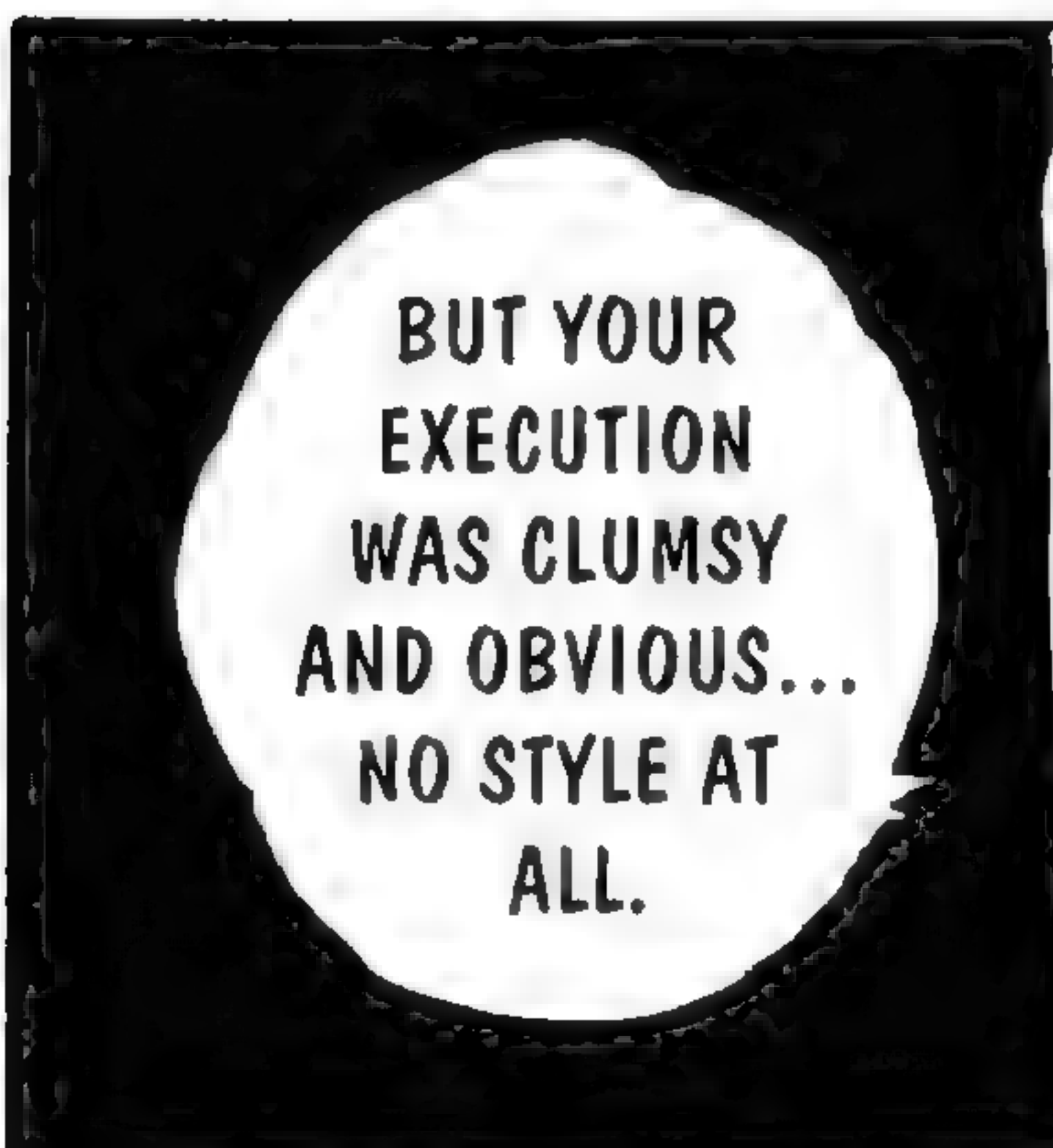
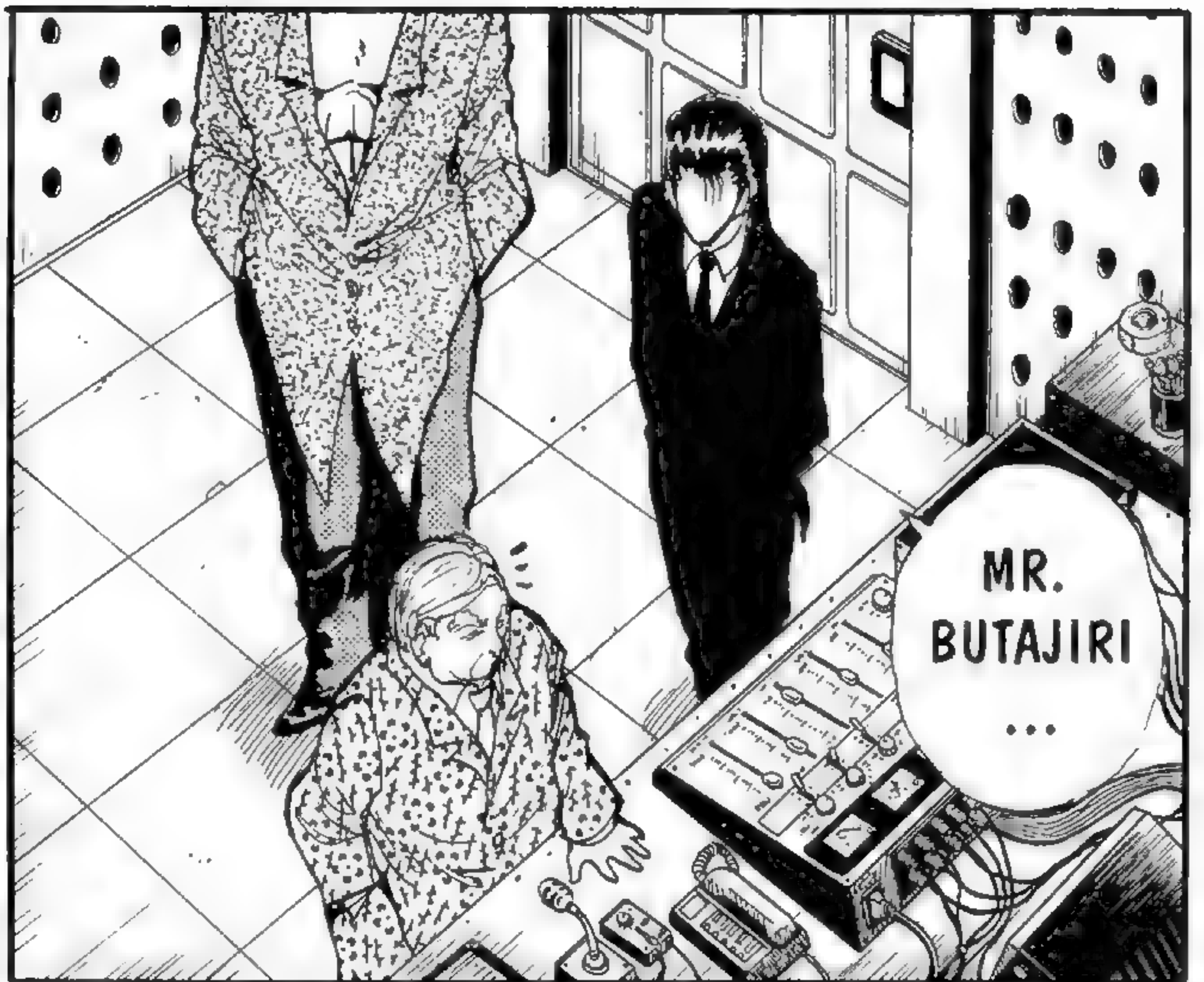
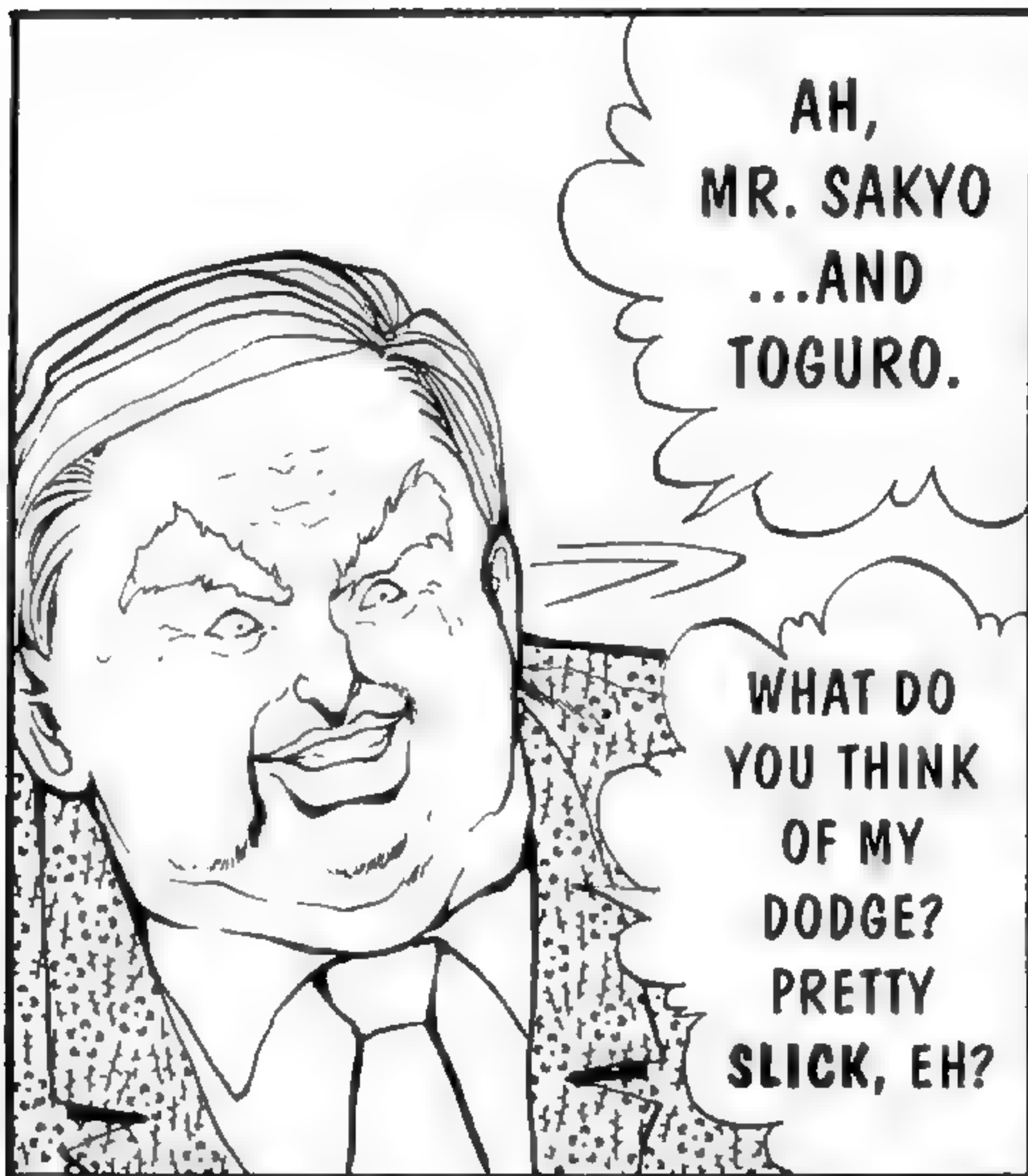


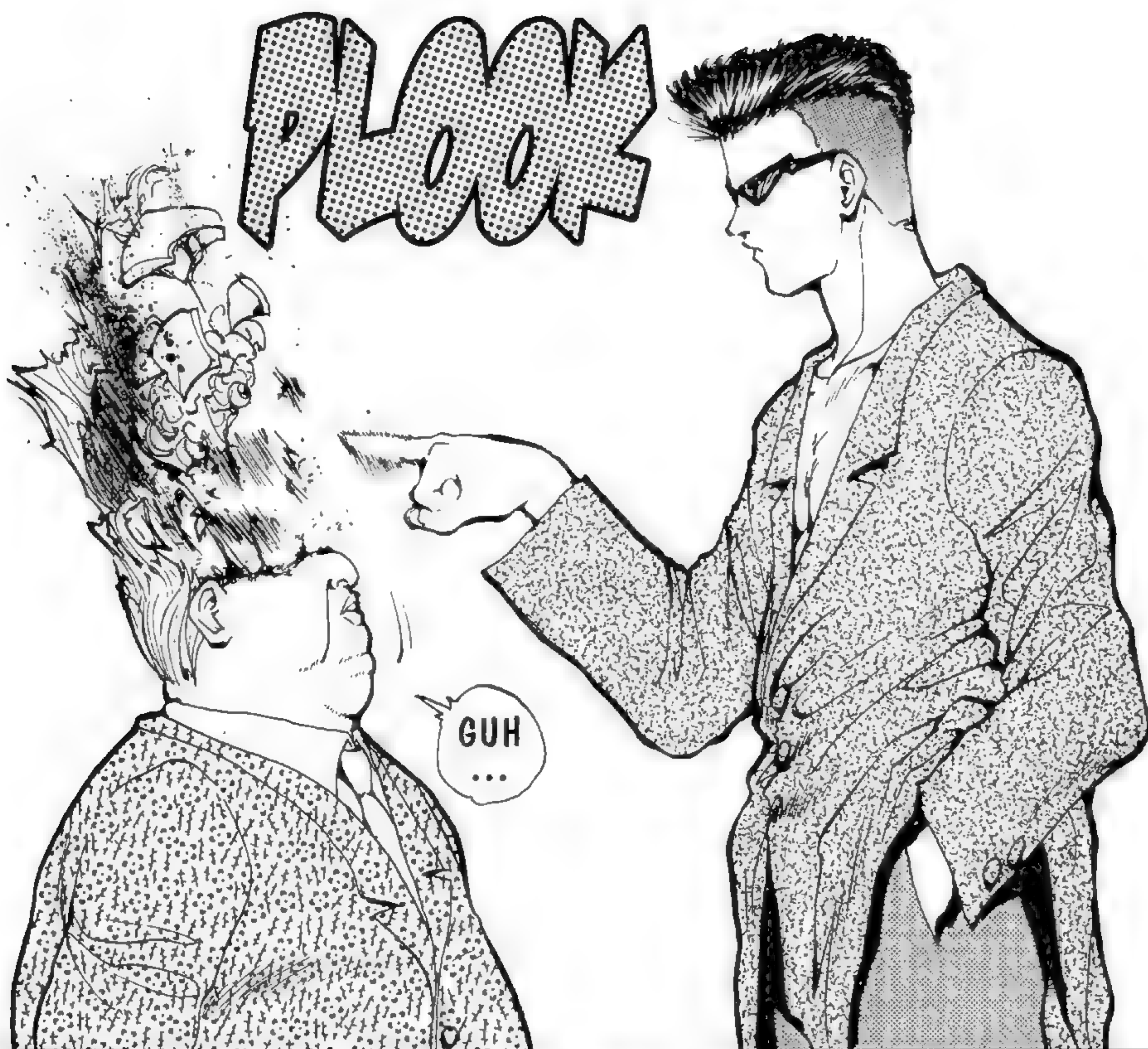




THE ELEVENTH HOUR!!







...WE'LL
LET THINGS
PROCEED ALONG
THEIR CURRENT
COURSE.

OUT OF
RESPECT
FOR THE
DEAD...

...THEY'RE
NOT WORTH
OUR TIME OR
TROUBLE.

IF TEAM
URAMESHI
CAN'T GET
OUT OF
THIS...





...MY
AURA
SWORD
!!

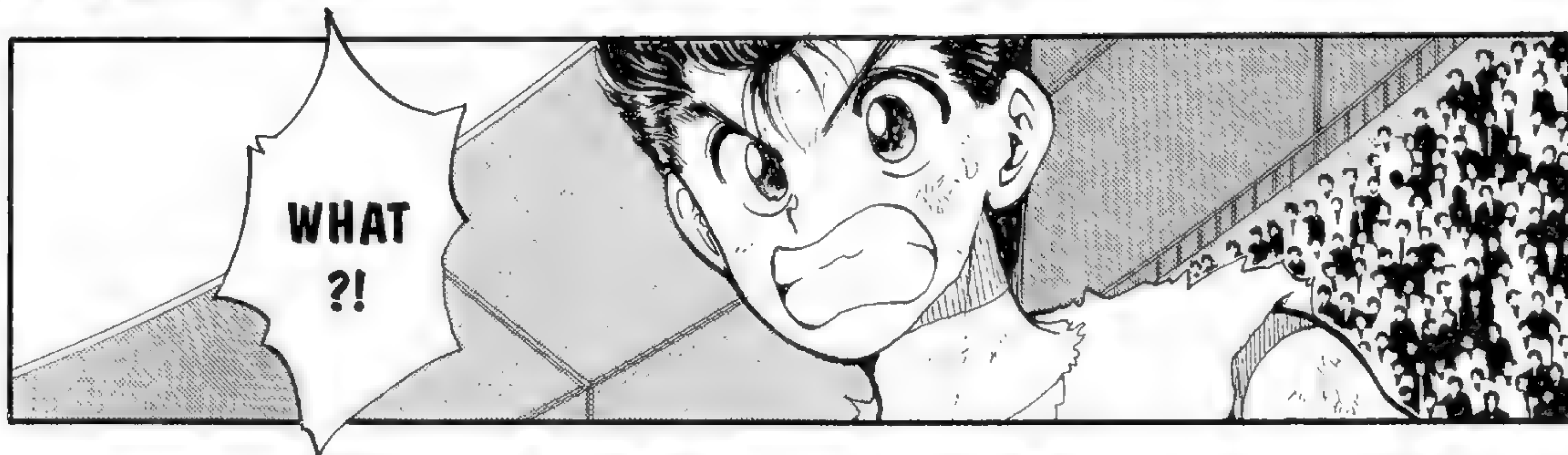
...CAN'T
MAKE...

GACK!

THUD

SHEE...
I...

UNH
...

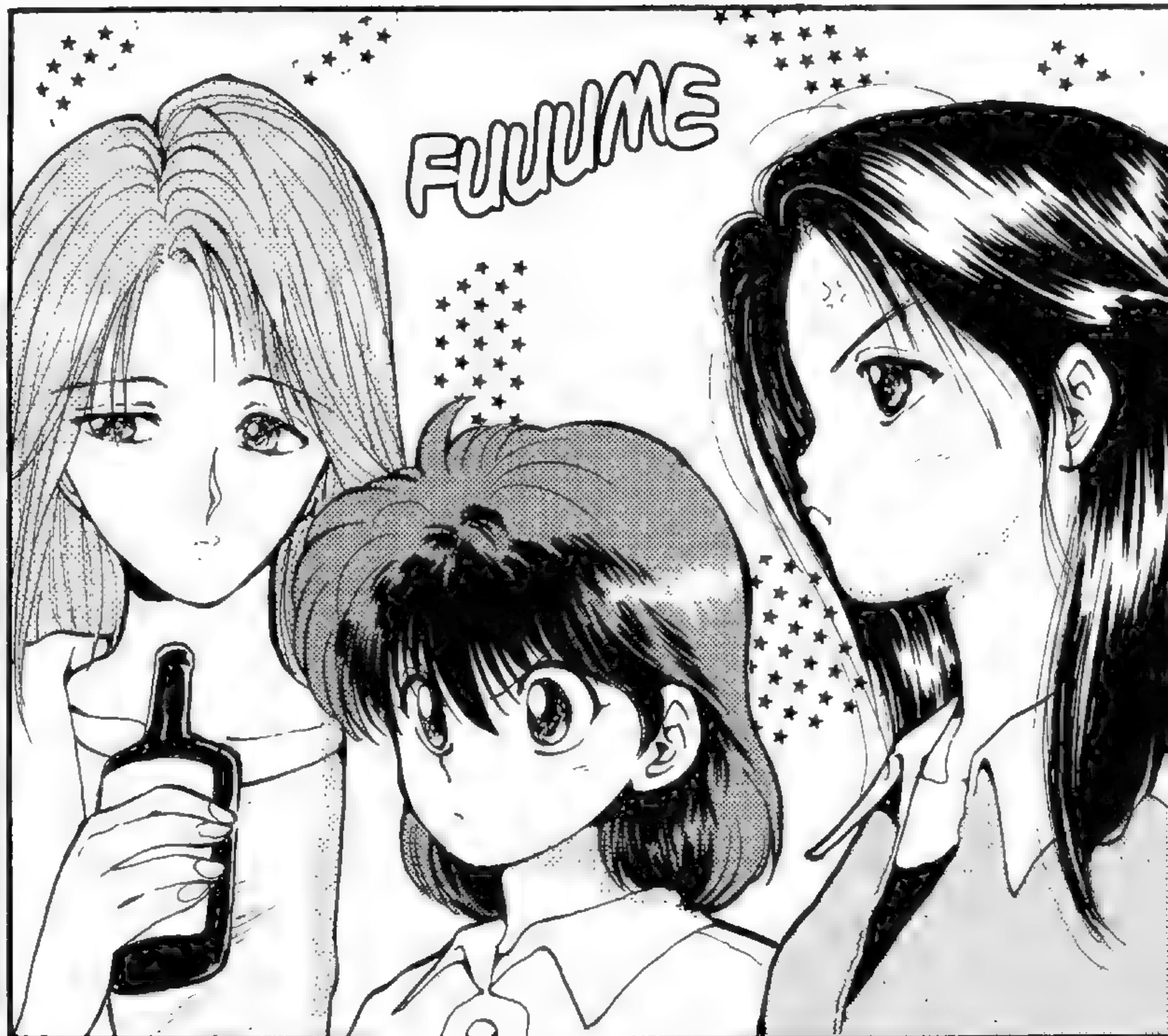


WHAT
?!



WE CAN'T
GO IN?
BALONEY
!!

WHAT'S
THAT?!







BUT
THOSE AREN'T
THE **ONLY**
REASONS
...

OH?
WHAT
ELSE?

YES,
AND TO
BE HERE
IN
CASE...

...THERE'S
A NEED
FOR MY
HEALING
POWERS.



WHAT
BRINGS
YOU TO THE
HUMAN
WORLD?

DID
YOU COME
TO ROOT
FOR THE
GUYS?



I'VE
LEARNED
THAT...
I HAVE A
BROTHER.



GOT ANY
INFO ON
HIM, LIKE A
PICTURE...?

HEY! YOU
CAN COUNT
ON US,
TOO!

**RAAH
RAAH**

...FOR A
LITTLE WHILE,
ANYWAY. I THOUGHT
KAZUMA AND HIS
FRIENDS MIGHT
HELP.

I ASKED
FOR, AND
RECEIVED,
PERMISSION
TO LOOK FOR
HIM...



...BUT
WITH THE
WAY I
TEND TO
BLURT
STUFF—!



TELL HER,
AND I'LL
THROTTLE
YOU.



IT'S A
SECRET
BETWEEN
MASTER
KOENMA,
YUSUKE,
AND I...

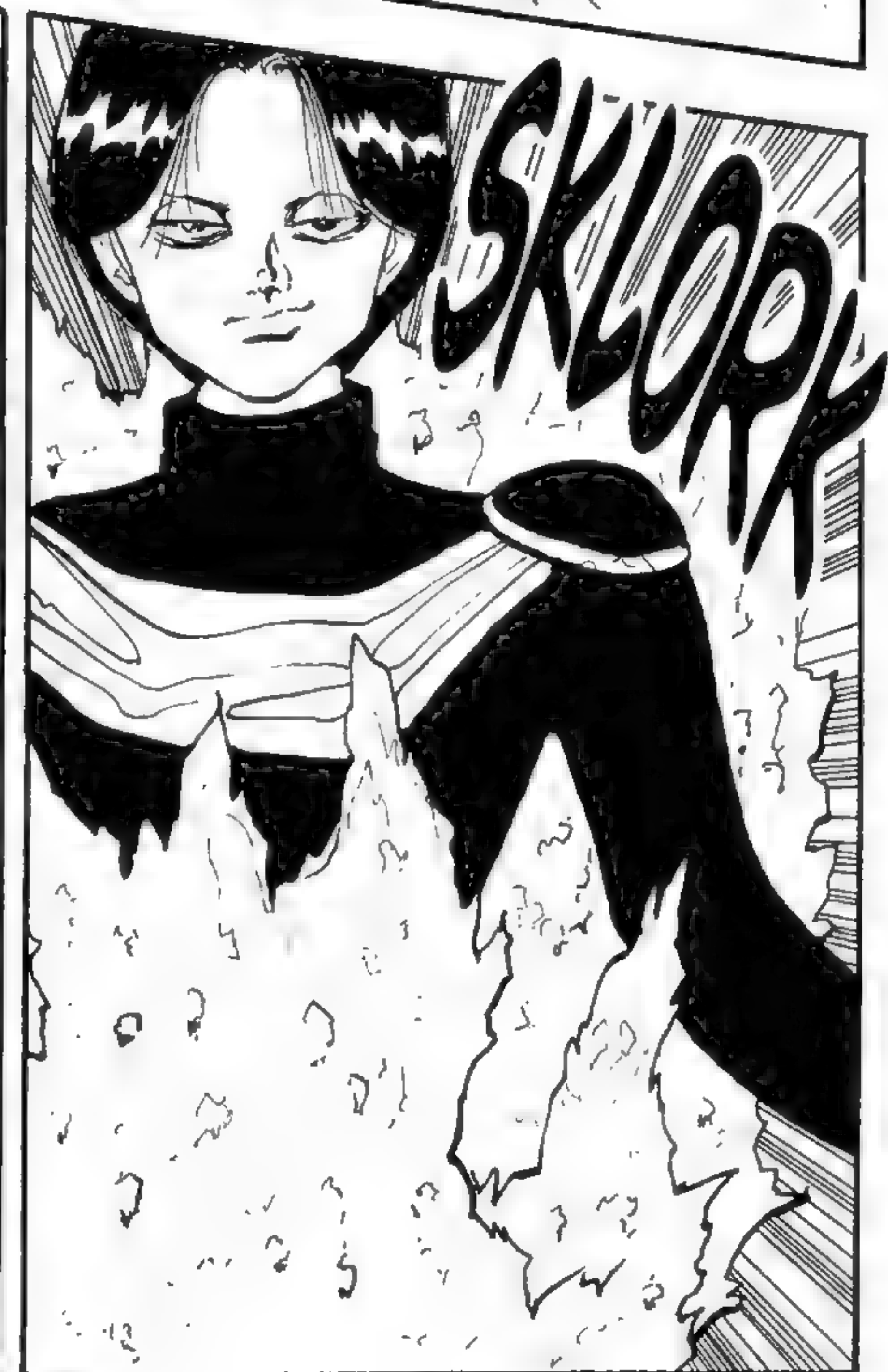


BAW

BAW







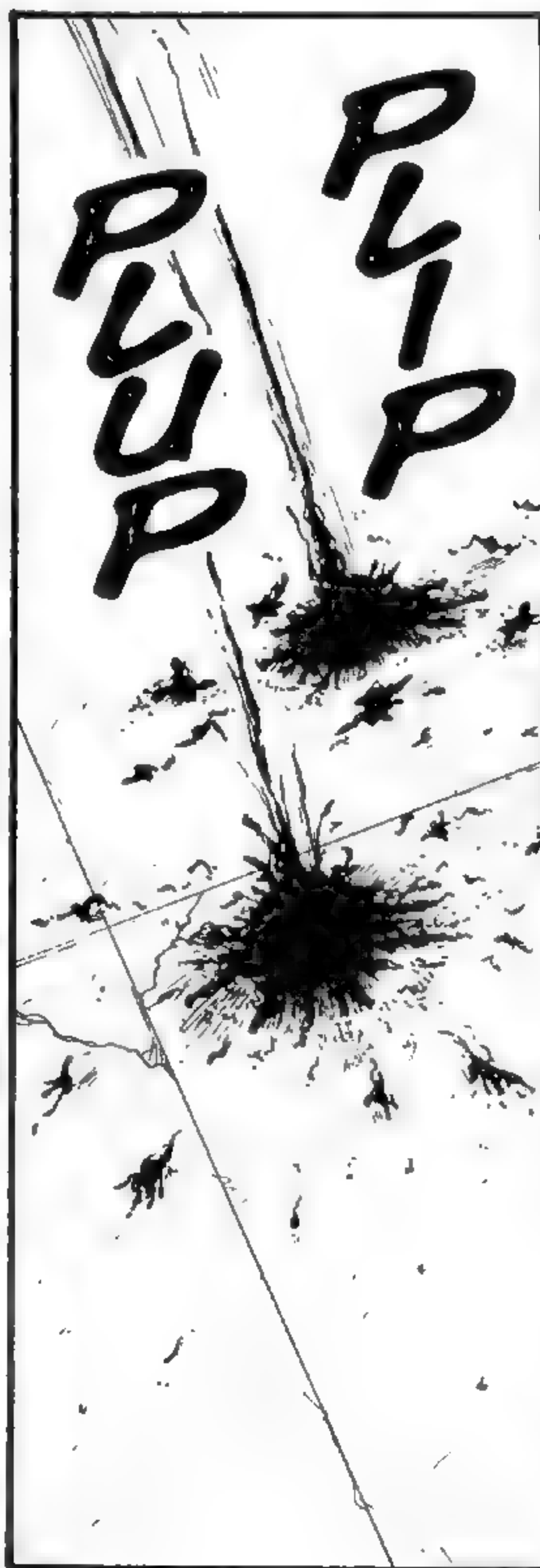


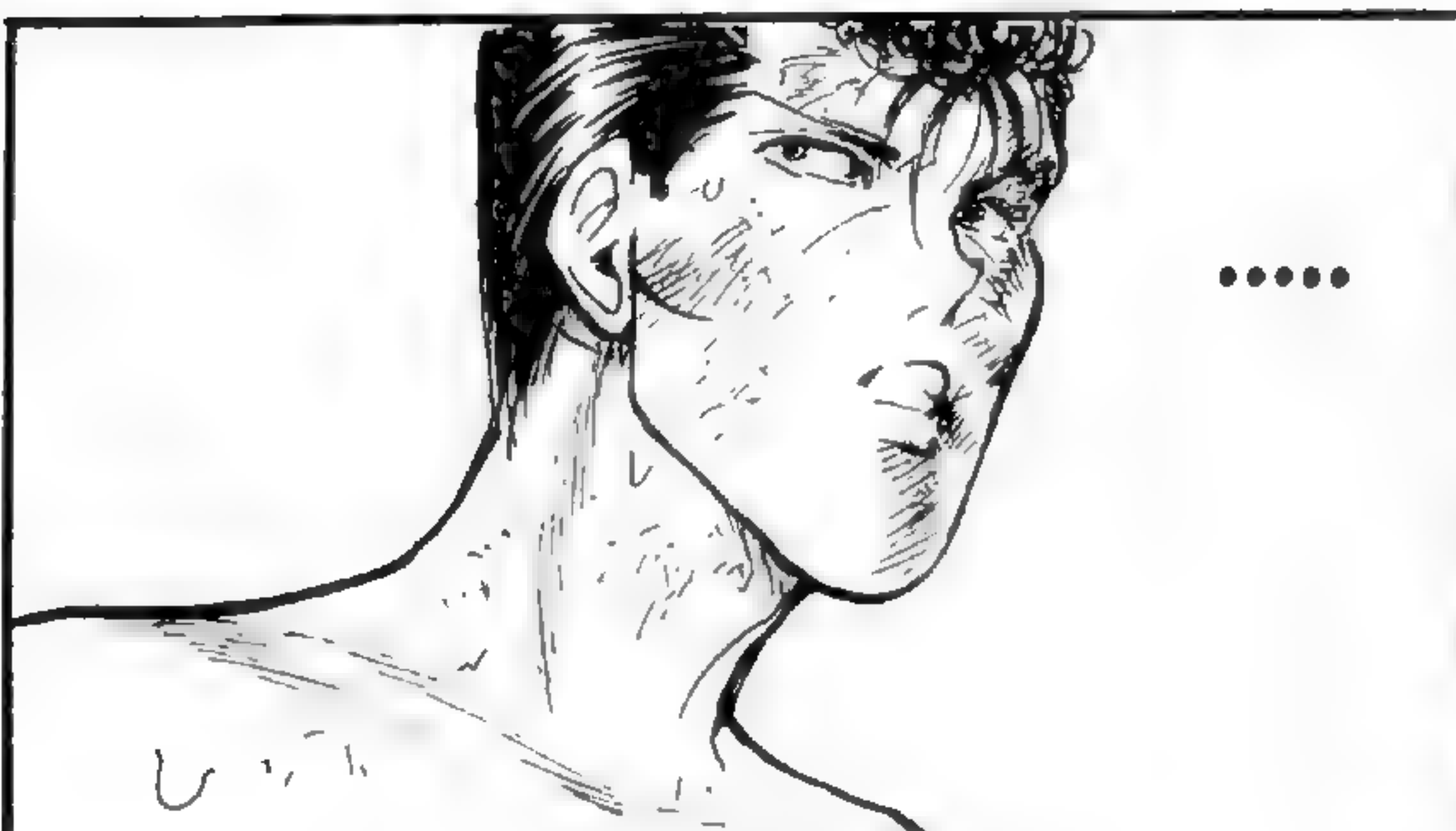
**CARNAGE
EARTH
BATTLE
ARMOR!**

**BRACE
YOURSELF
FOR
THE...**

**...BOMBER
TACKLE!!**

WAA







...KNEAD
'IM
GOOD
FOR
ME!!





HERE
I
COME
!!

WITH
THE LAST
OF MY
POWER—



HE STILL HAS
THE STRENGTH TO
ATTACK?!!

THIS
HAS TO
BE IT
!!



DON'T
DO
THIS
!!



?!

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

STOMP



IF I JUST
COULD HAVE
SEEN HER...ONE
LAST TIME...

ZIP IT,
YUSUKE! SEE
YOU IN THE
AFTERLIFE!!

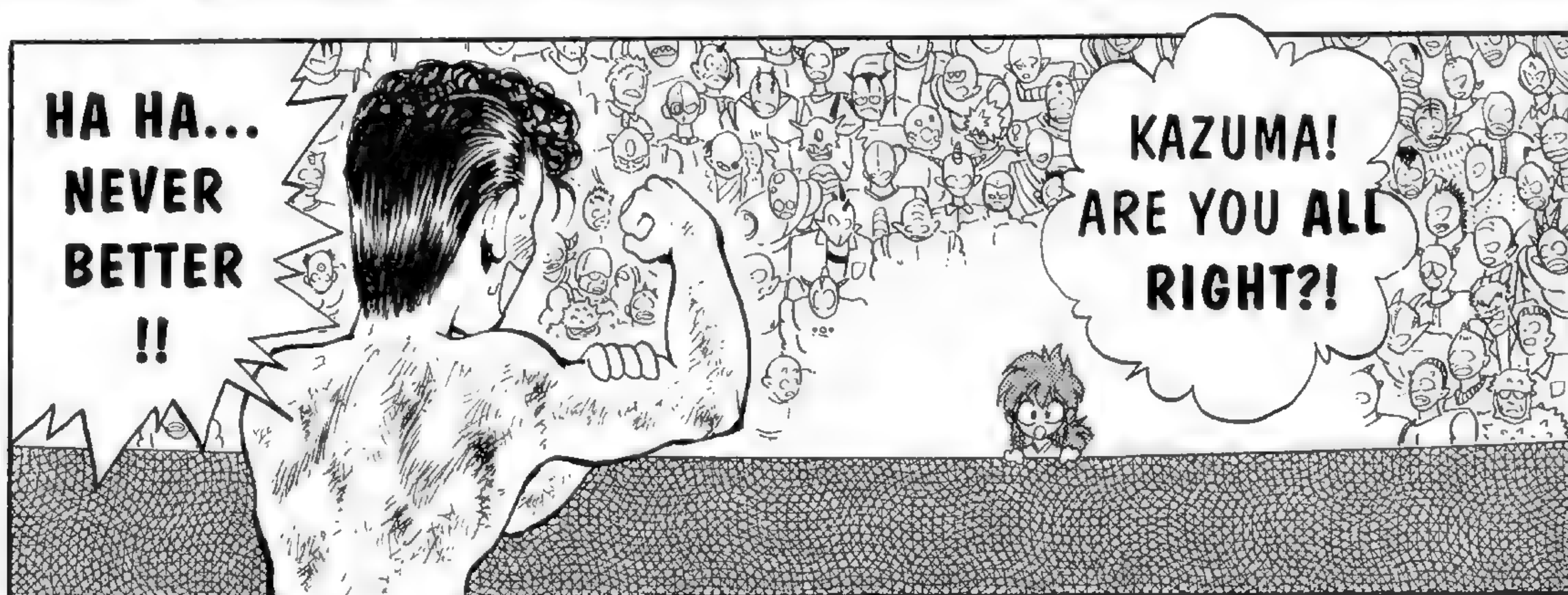


WHAT?
THAT
VOICE
...





**GIT
OUTTA MY
FACE!!!**



MACHO NITWIT...





THE UNDERWORLD BEAST!!

TEAM URAMESHI HAD NO TIME TO CELEBRATE THEIR VICTORY OVER DR. ICHIGAKI'S TEAM BEFORE THEY HAD TO CONFRONT THE SHADOW CHANNELERS.

IN THE FACE OF BLATANTLY BIASED INTERFERENCE ON THE PART OF TOURNAMENT HQ, THE BATTLE CAME DOWN TO A FACE-OFF BETWEEN SHADOW CHANNELER CAPTAIN RISHO AND A BADLY MAULED KUWABARA!!

AGAINST ALL ODDS, KUWABARA TRIUMPHED! THE REASON? UNANTICIPATED INSPIRATION!!

KAP-OW



THE UNDERWORLD BEAST!!

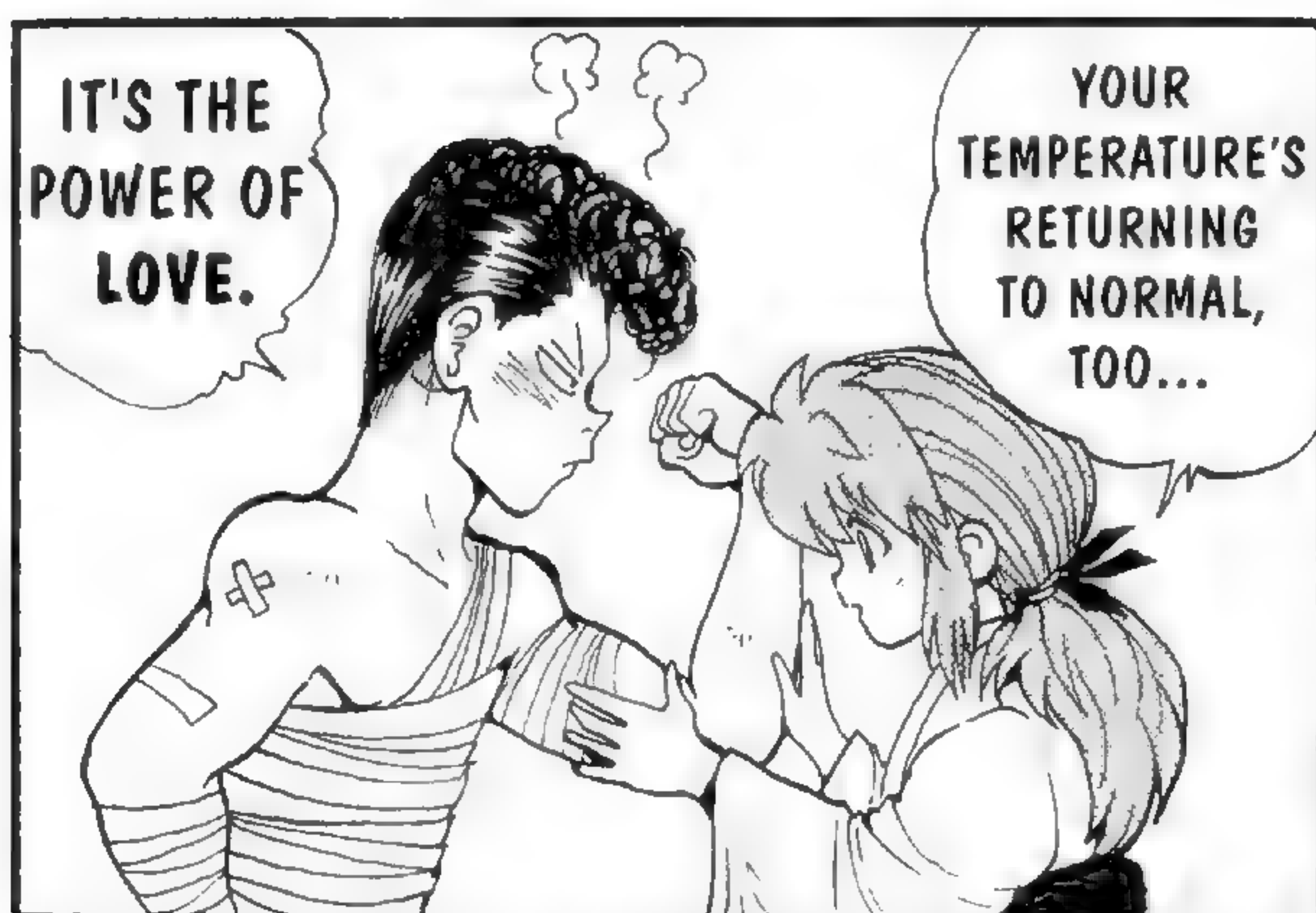
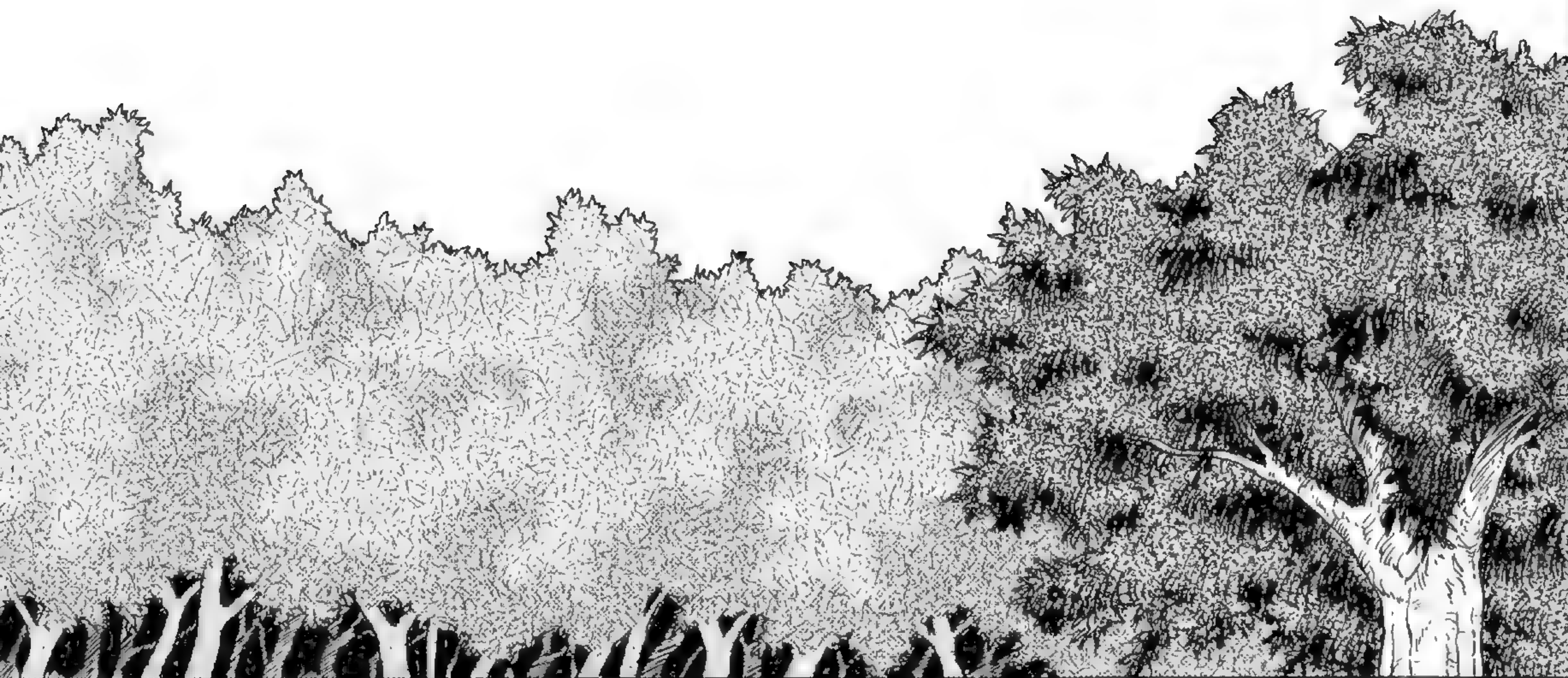
TEAM
URAMESHI
WILL NOW
ADVANCE
TO THE
SEMIFINALS!!



THAT
WAS TOO
CLOSE...

WHEEZE
WHEEZE





FINALLY GIVEN A MOMENT
TO BREATHE, THE GUYS GET
TOGETHER WITH THE GIRLS...

WHY DIDN'T
YOU TELL US
YOU WERE
HERE?

WELL
...

...YOU
WERE KINDA
BUSY...

PLENTY
OF TIMES,
YOU IDIOT!!

C'MON,
WHEN'S THAT
EVER STOPPED
YOU?!

HMPH

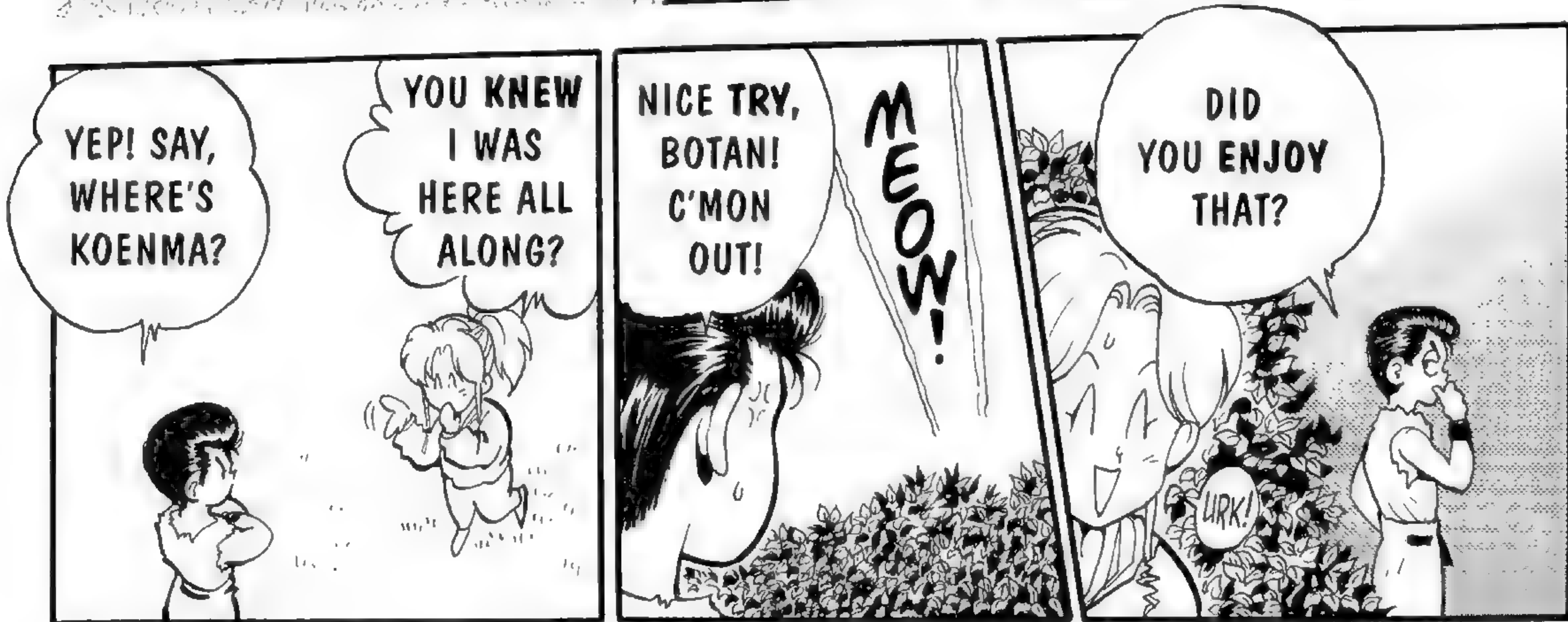
THEY NEVER
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY TO
EACH OTHER.

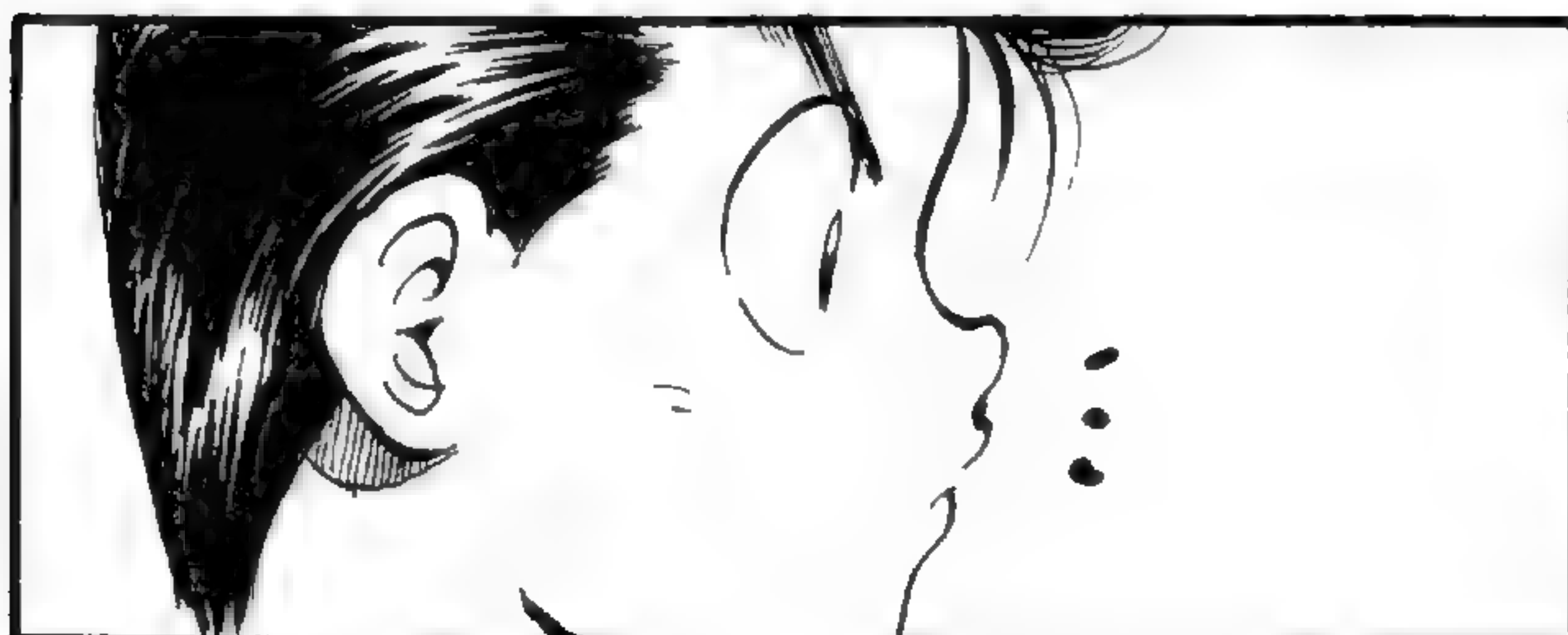
SORRY, I
MEANT TO SAY
"PRESIDENT
AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE
IDIOT"!

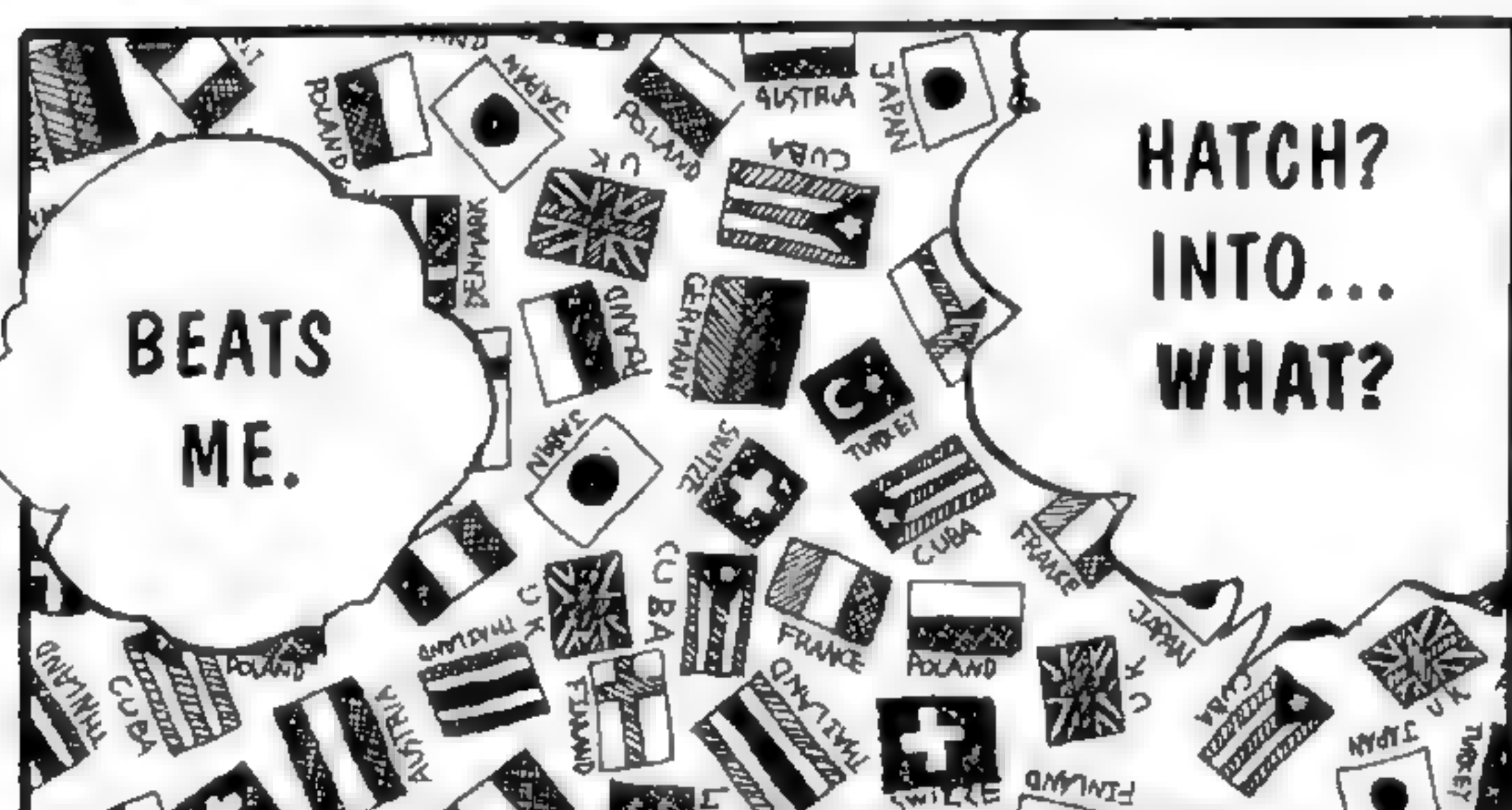
IDIOT?!
YOU
TALKIN'
TO ME,
LADY?





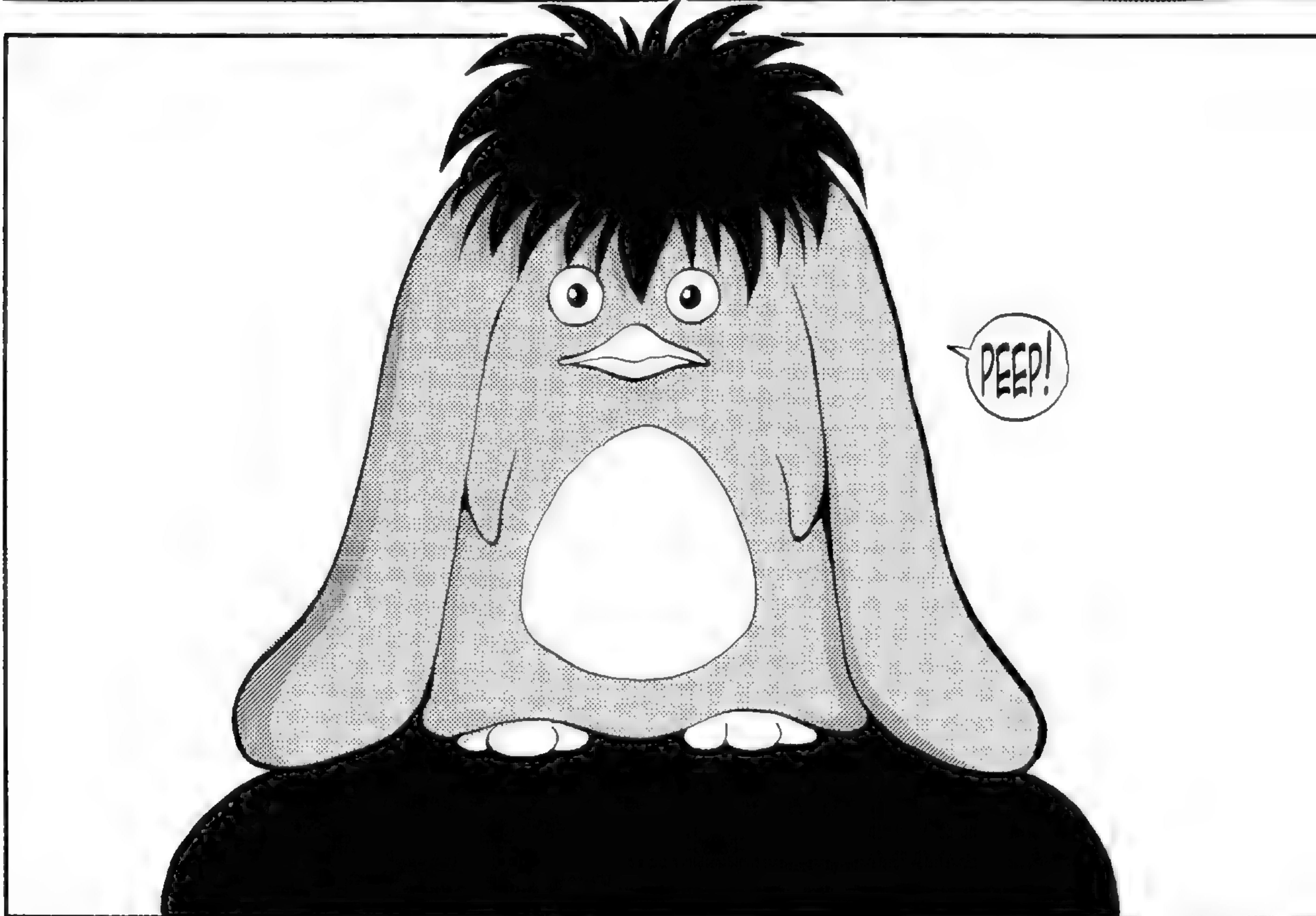


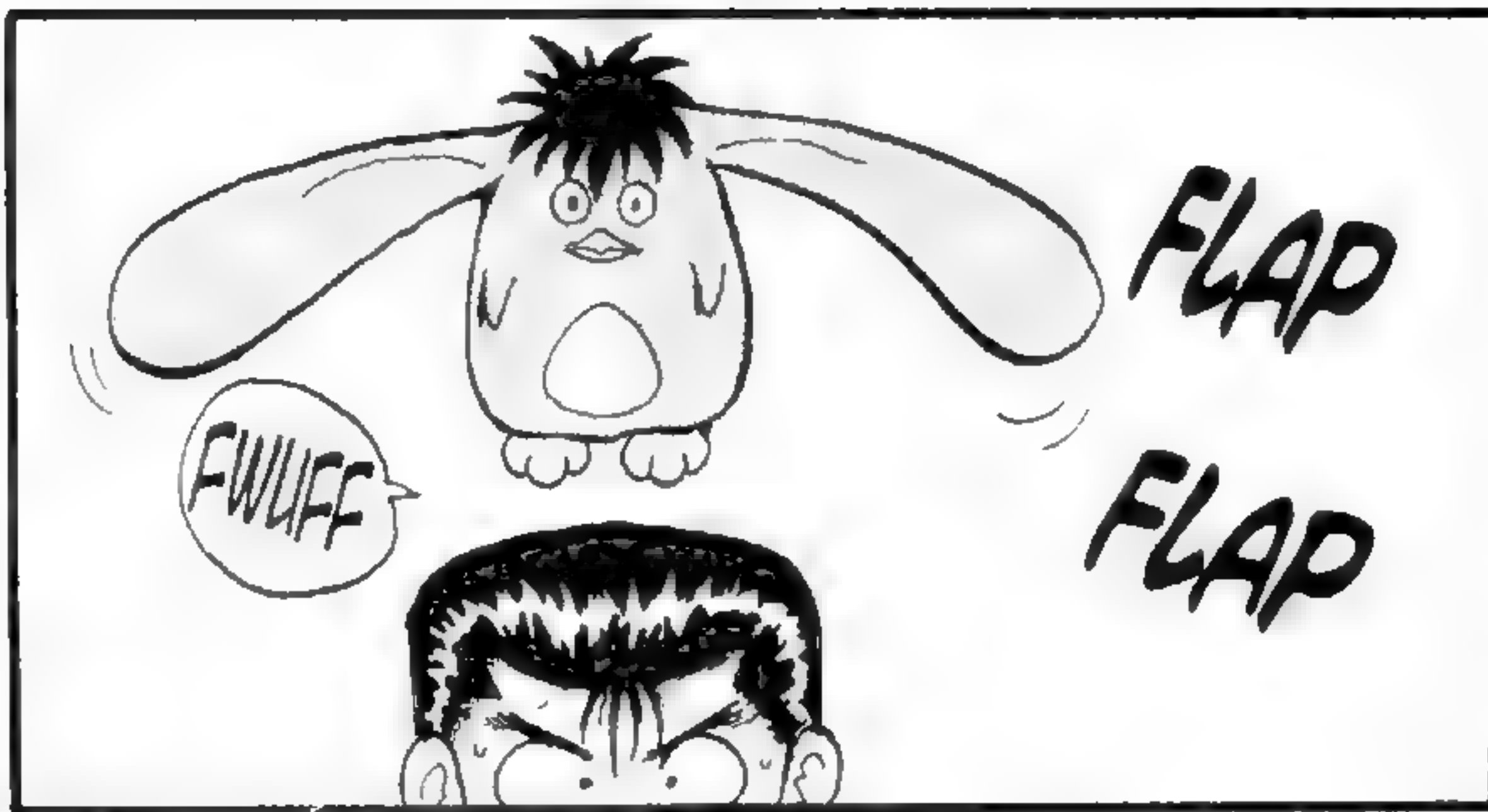
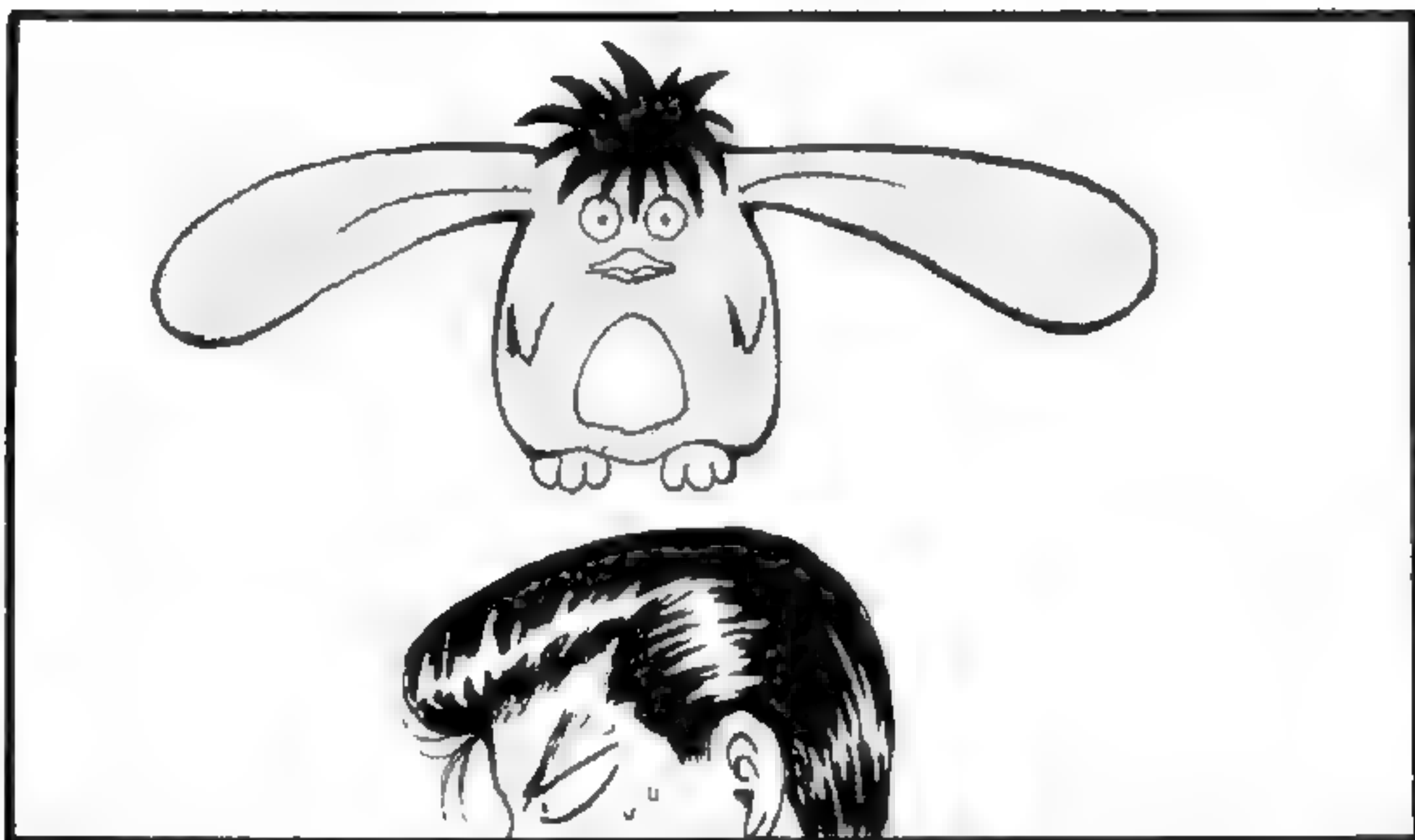


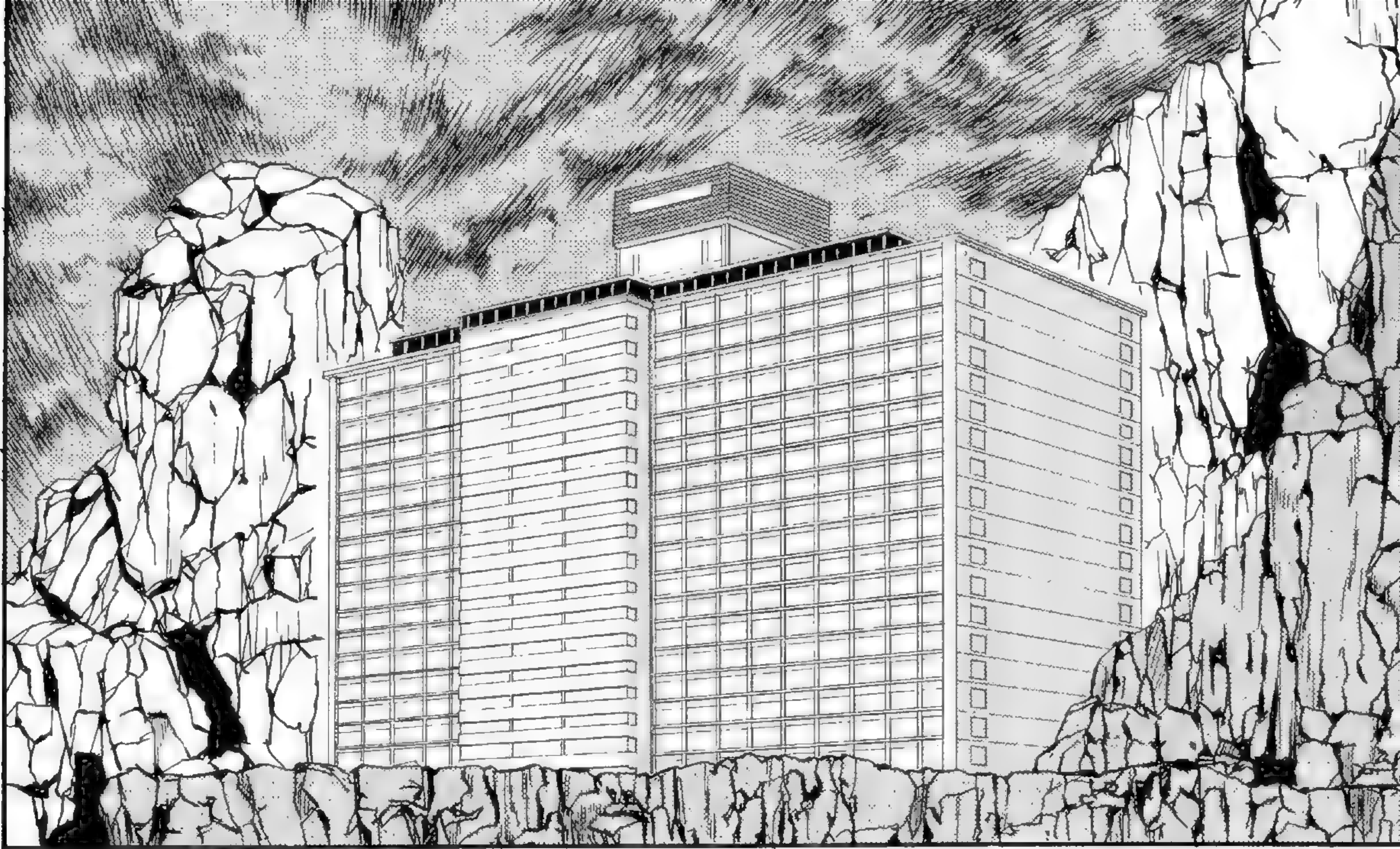






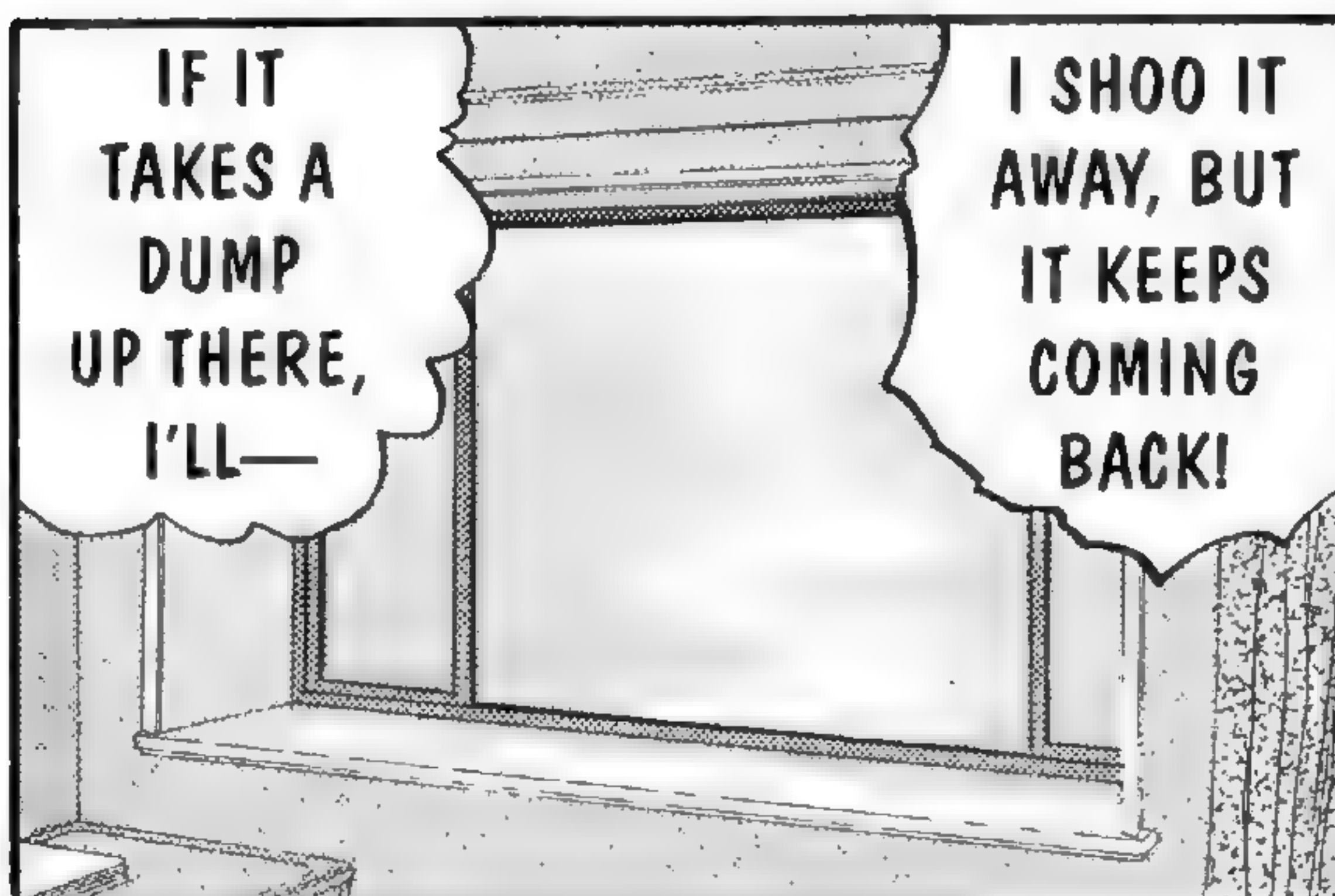






**THAT'S
THE DREADED
DIRE BEAST?!
HOKEY!!**

**BWA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
HA!!**



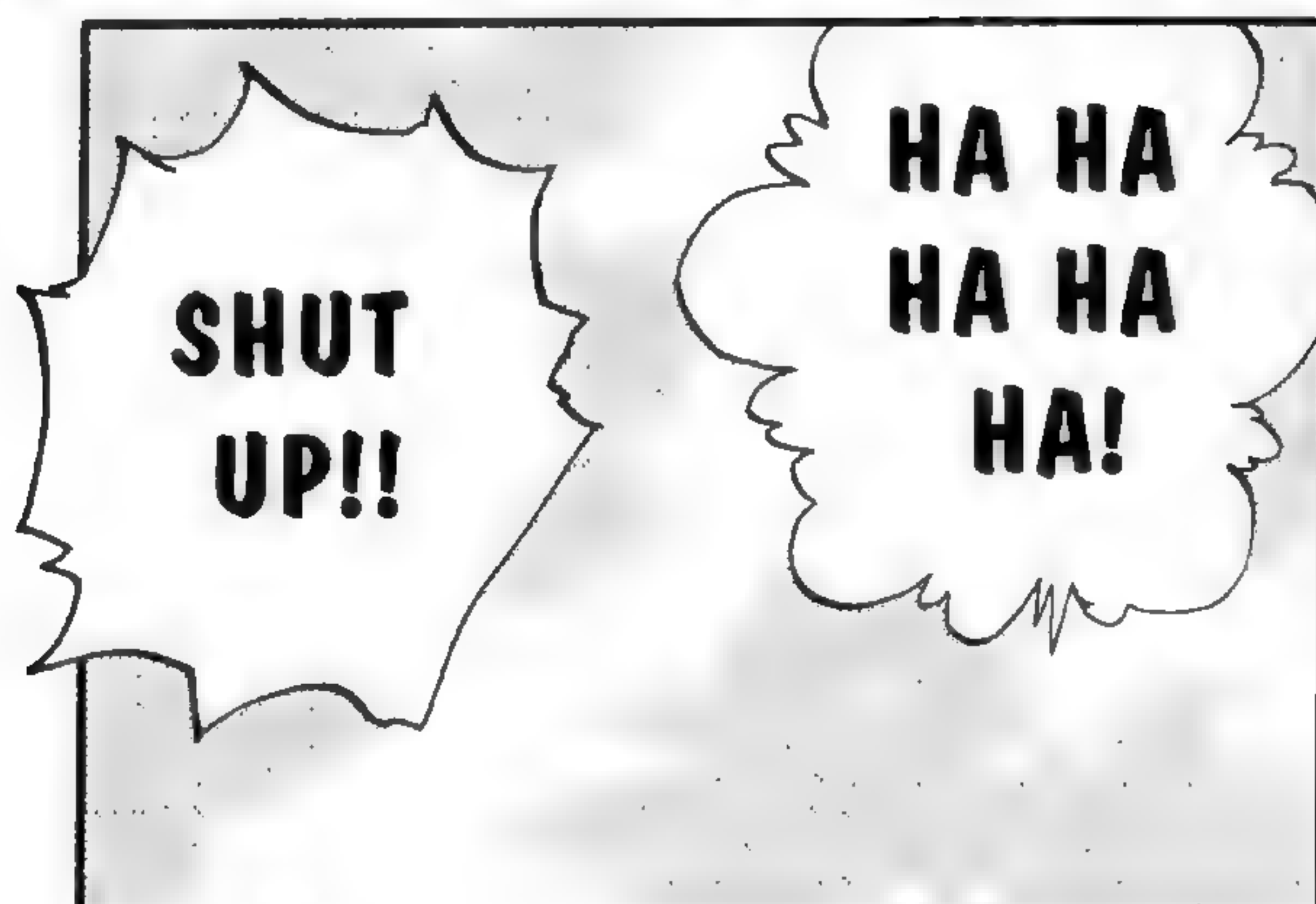
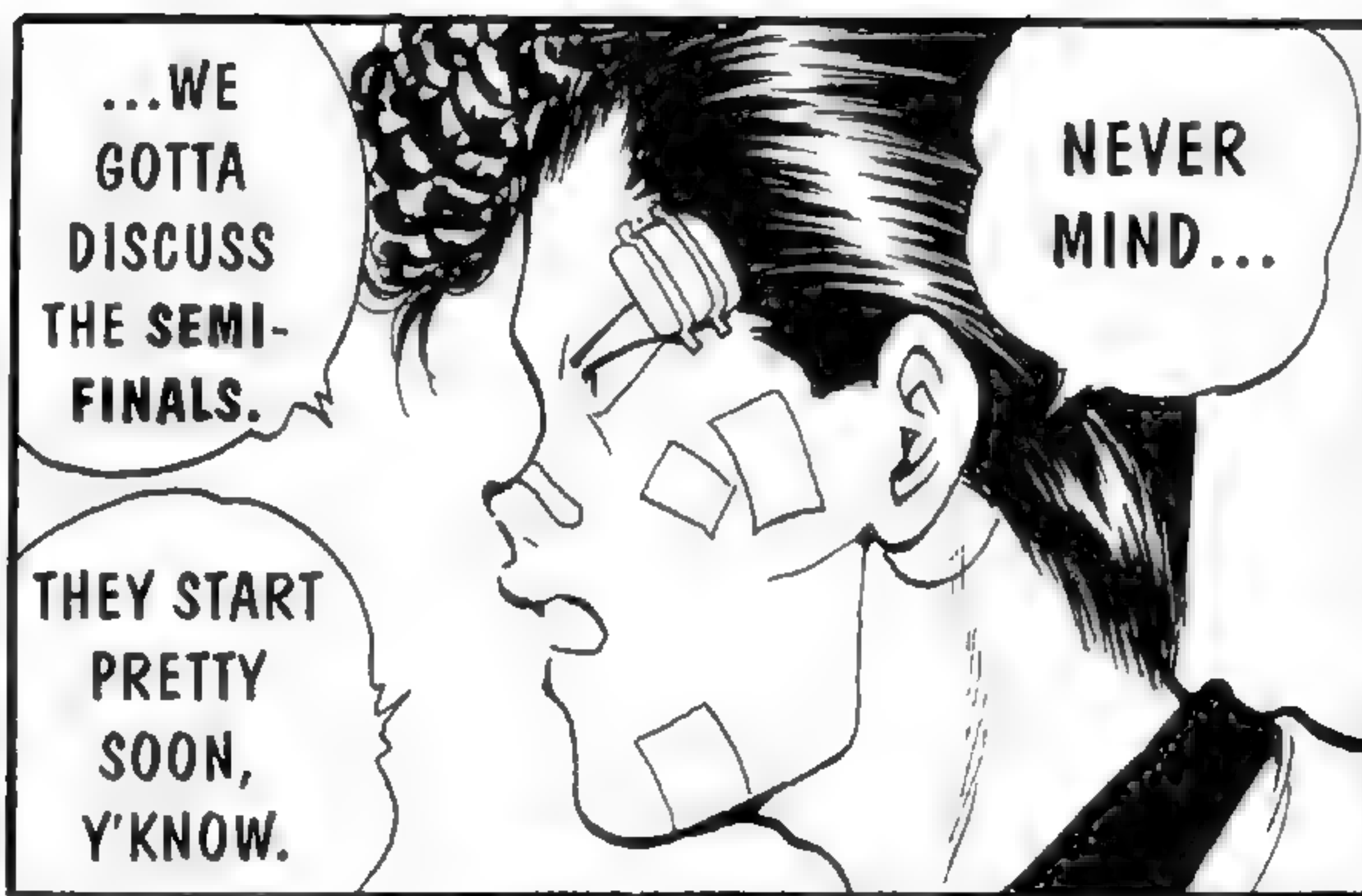
**IF IT
TAKES A
DUMP
UP THERE,
I'LL—**

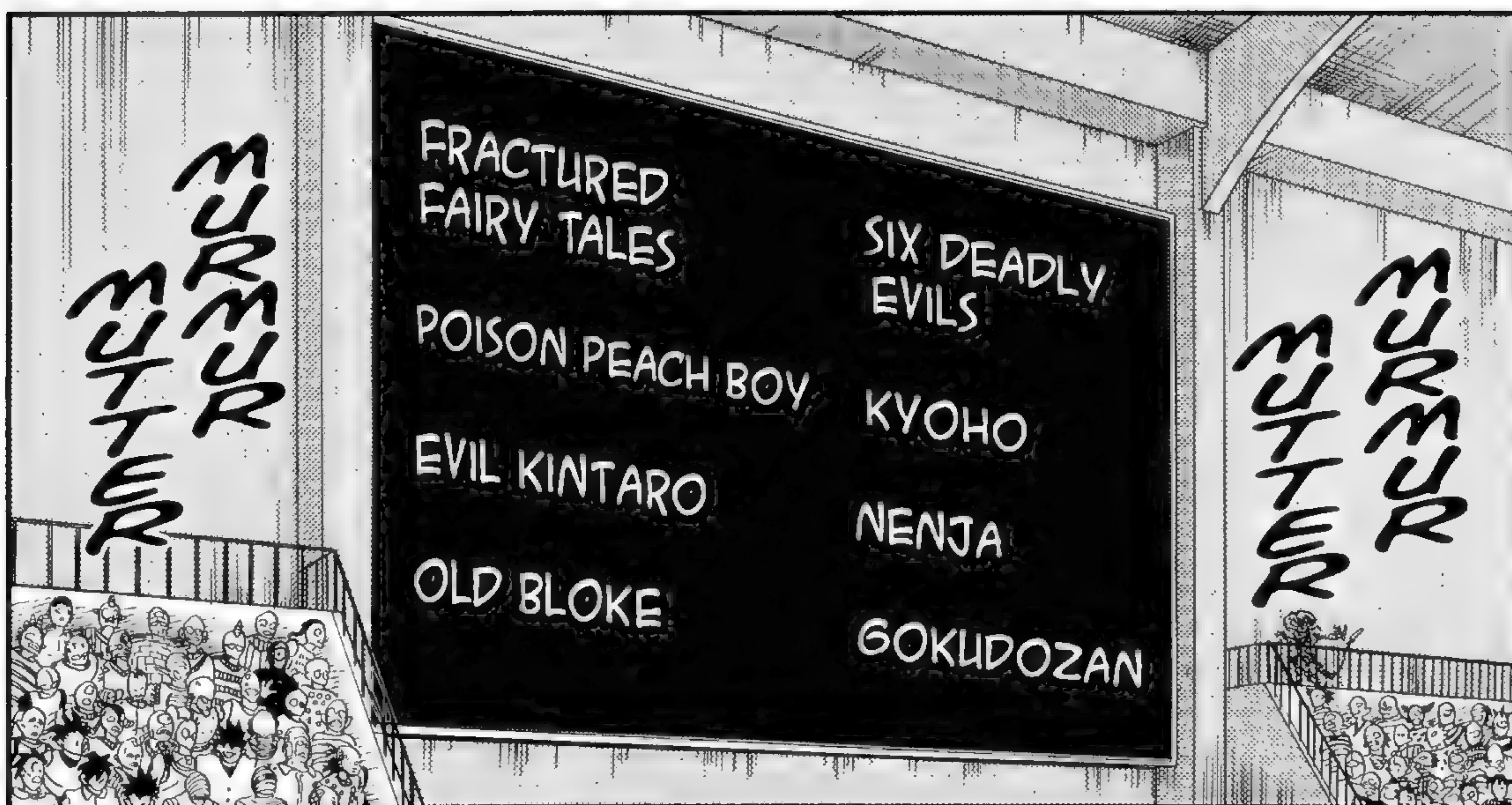
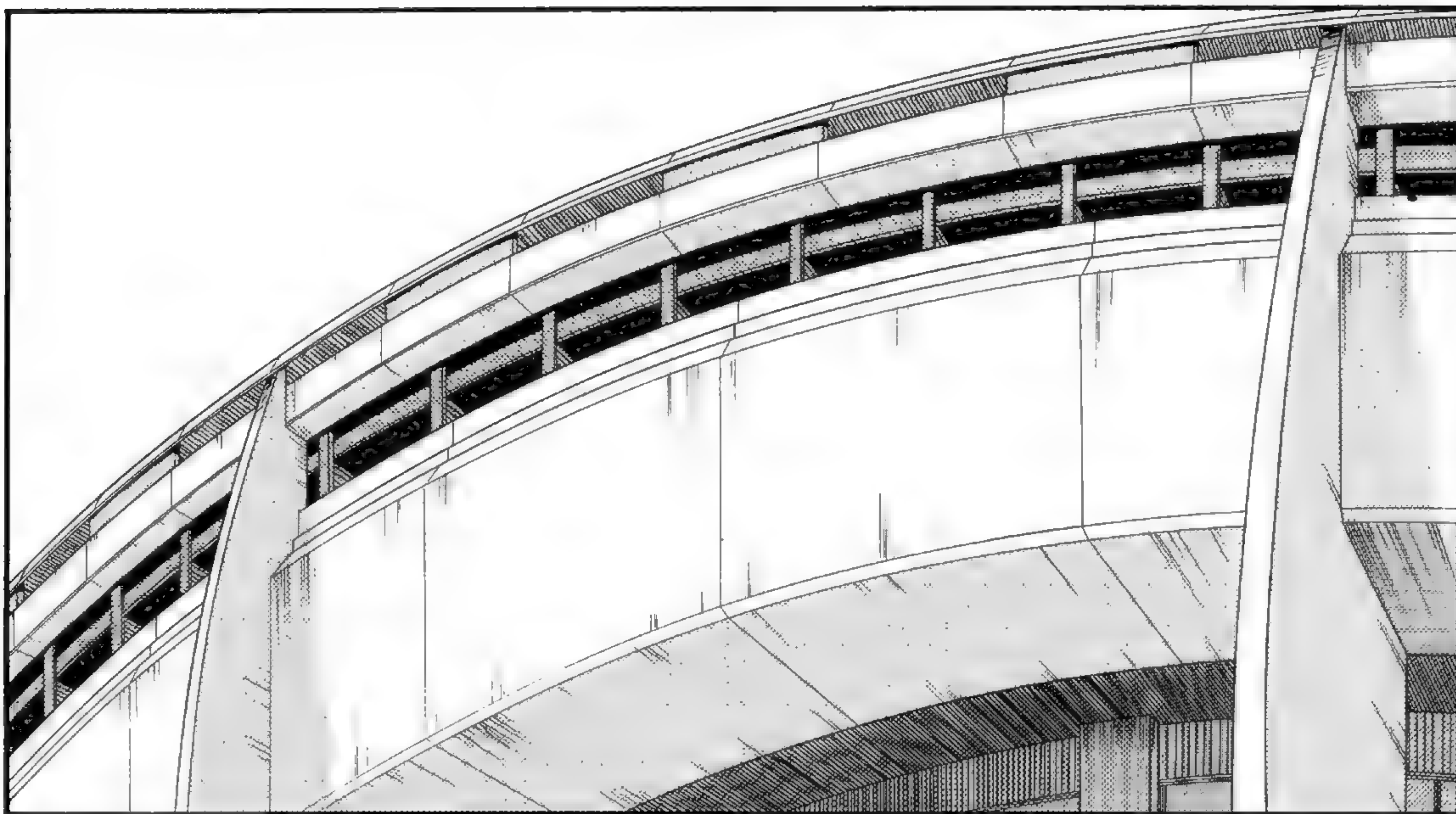
**I SHOO IT
AWAY, BUT
IT KEEPS
COMING
BACK!**



**IT TAKES
AFTER
YOU, YA
MORON.**

**IT SURE LOVES
PERCHING
ON YOUR
HOLLOW
HEAD!**

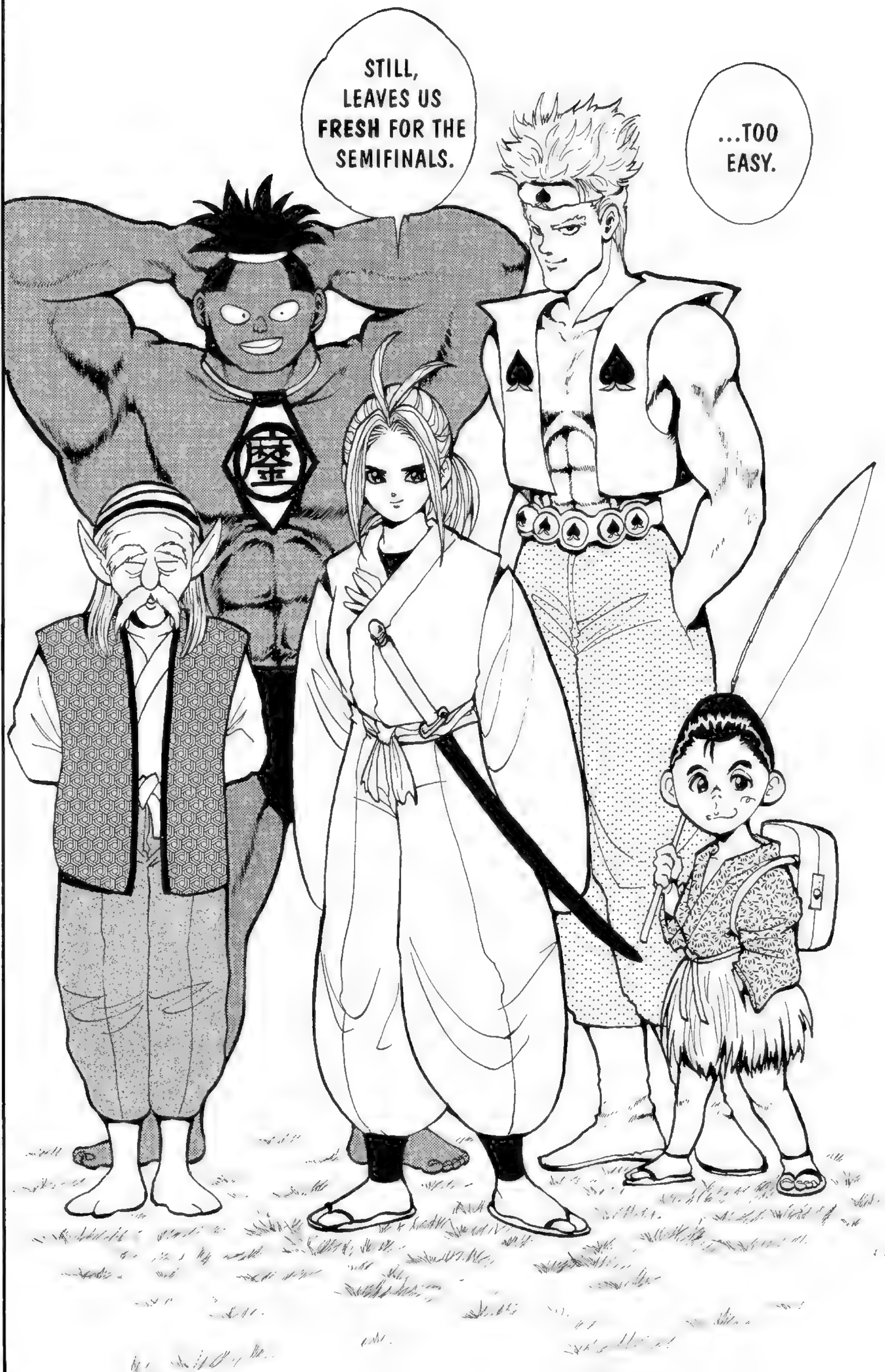


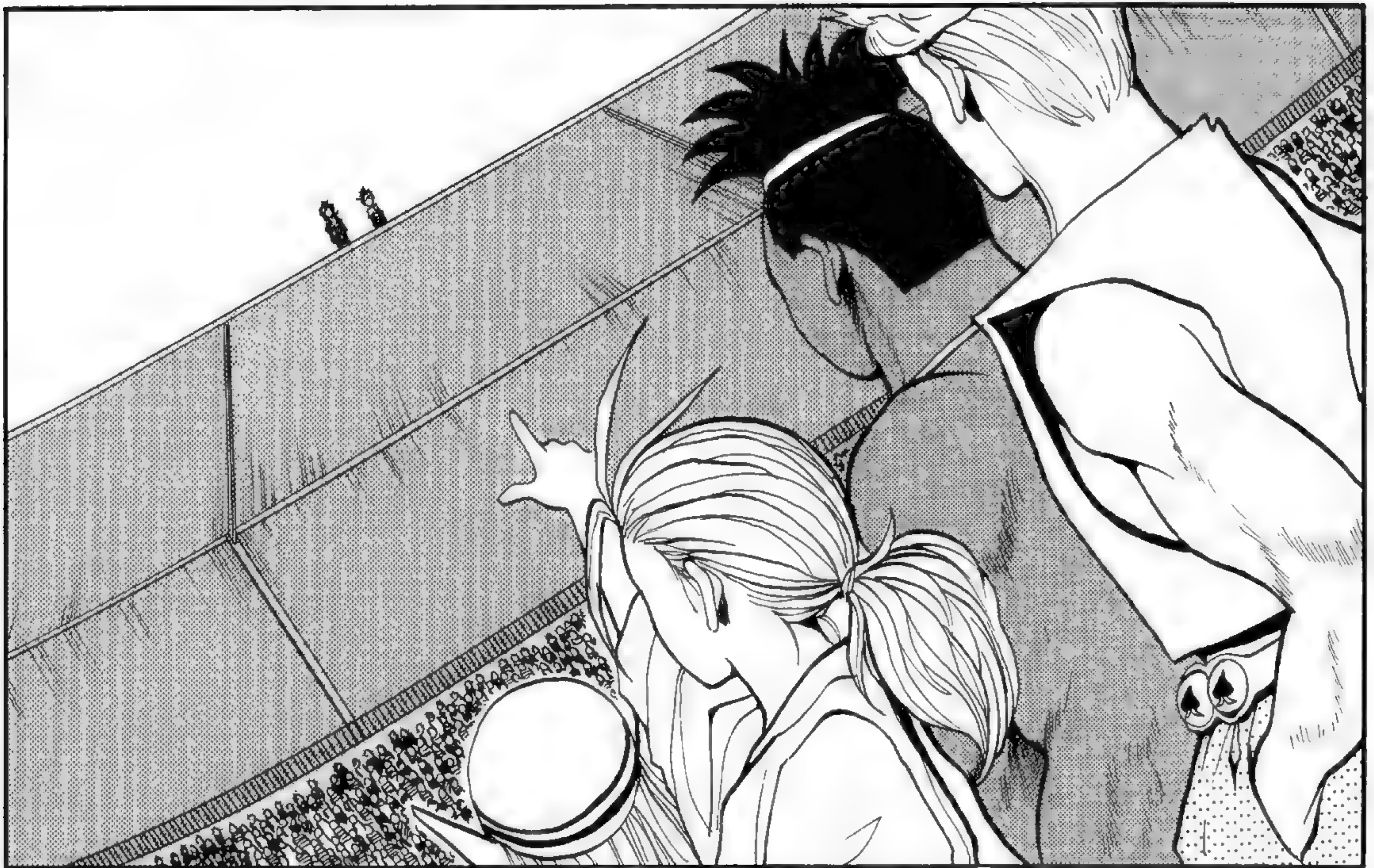
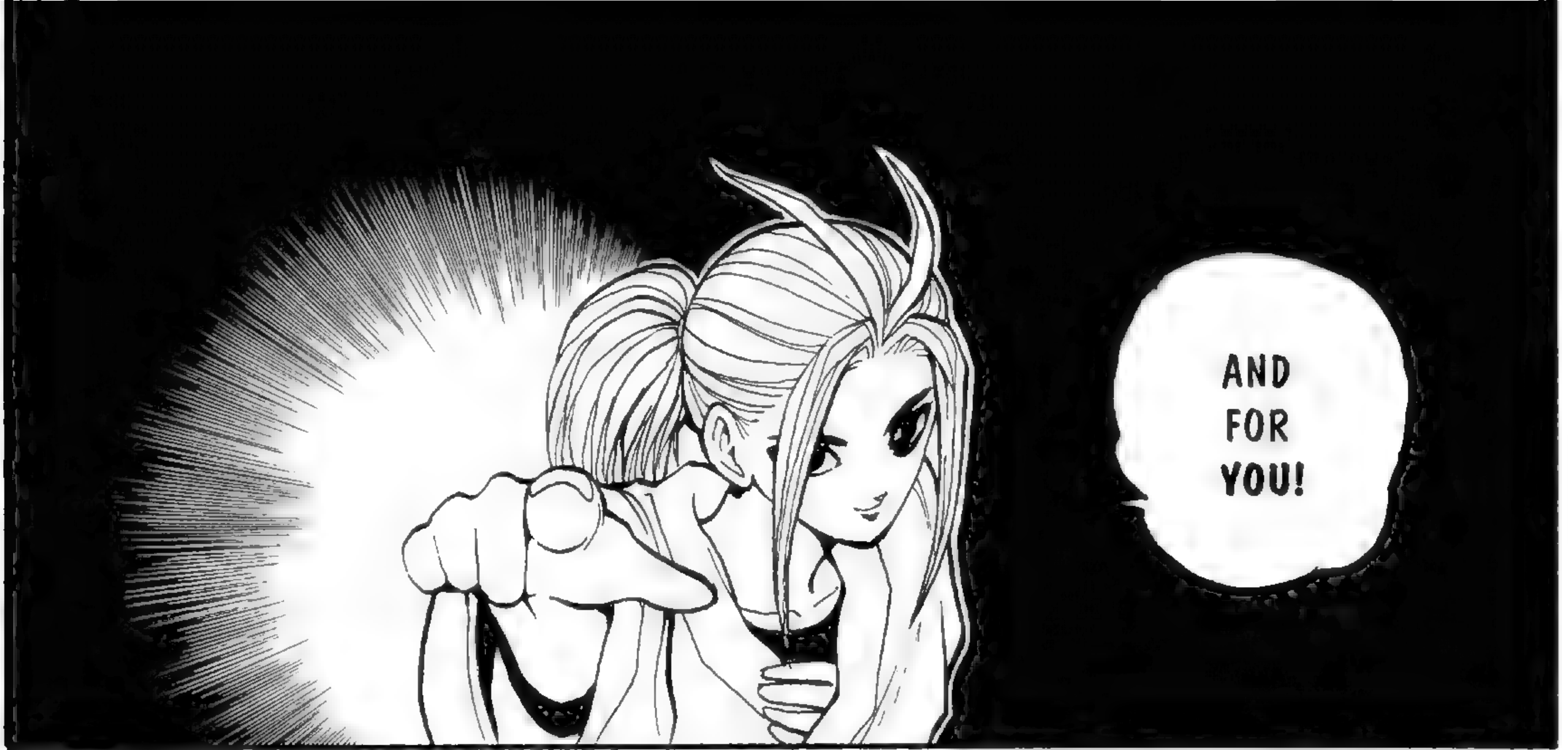


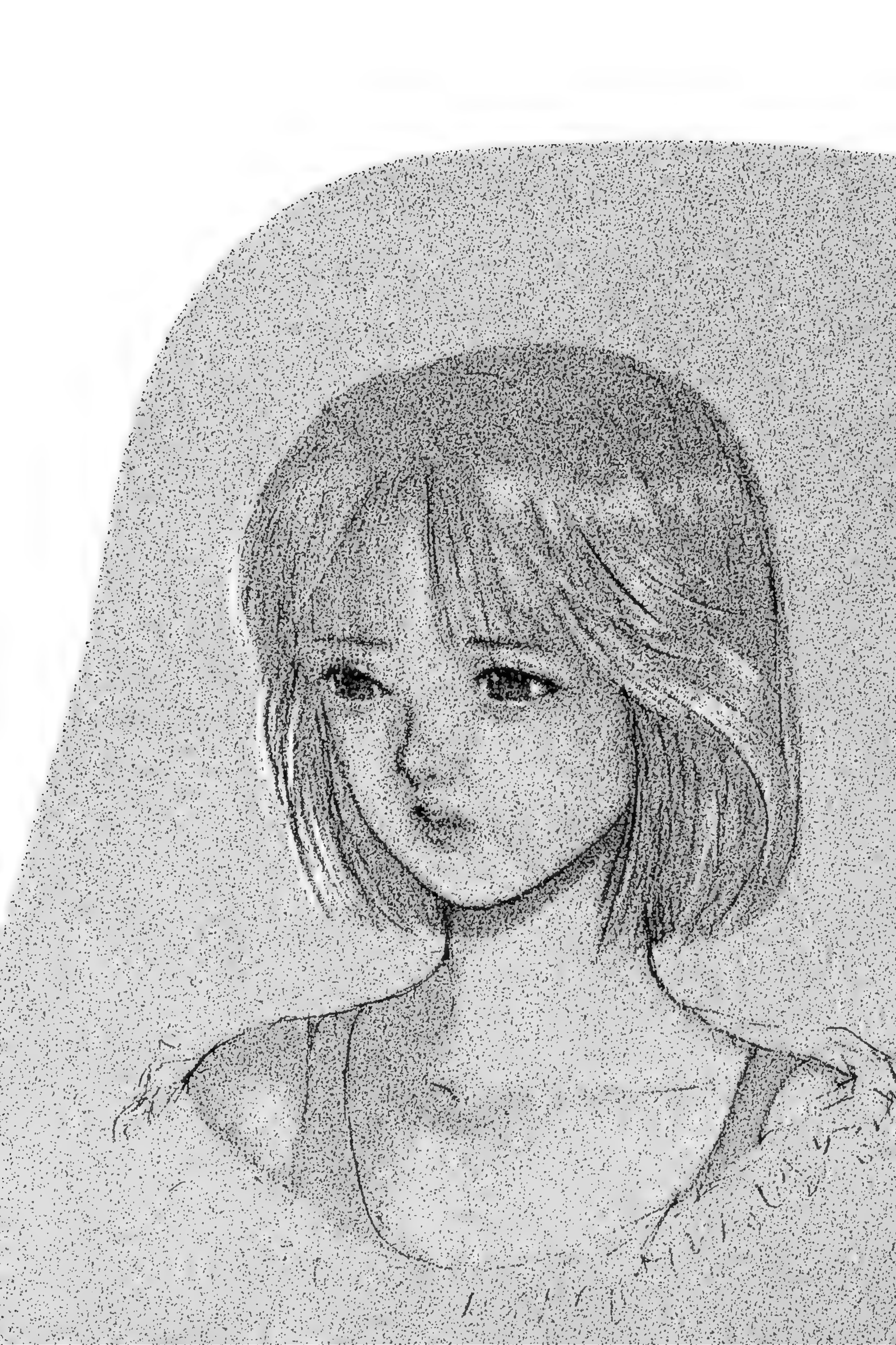


STILL,
LEAVES US
FRESH FOR THE
SEMIFINALS.

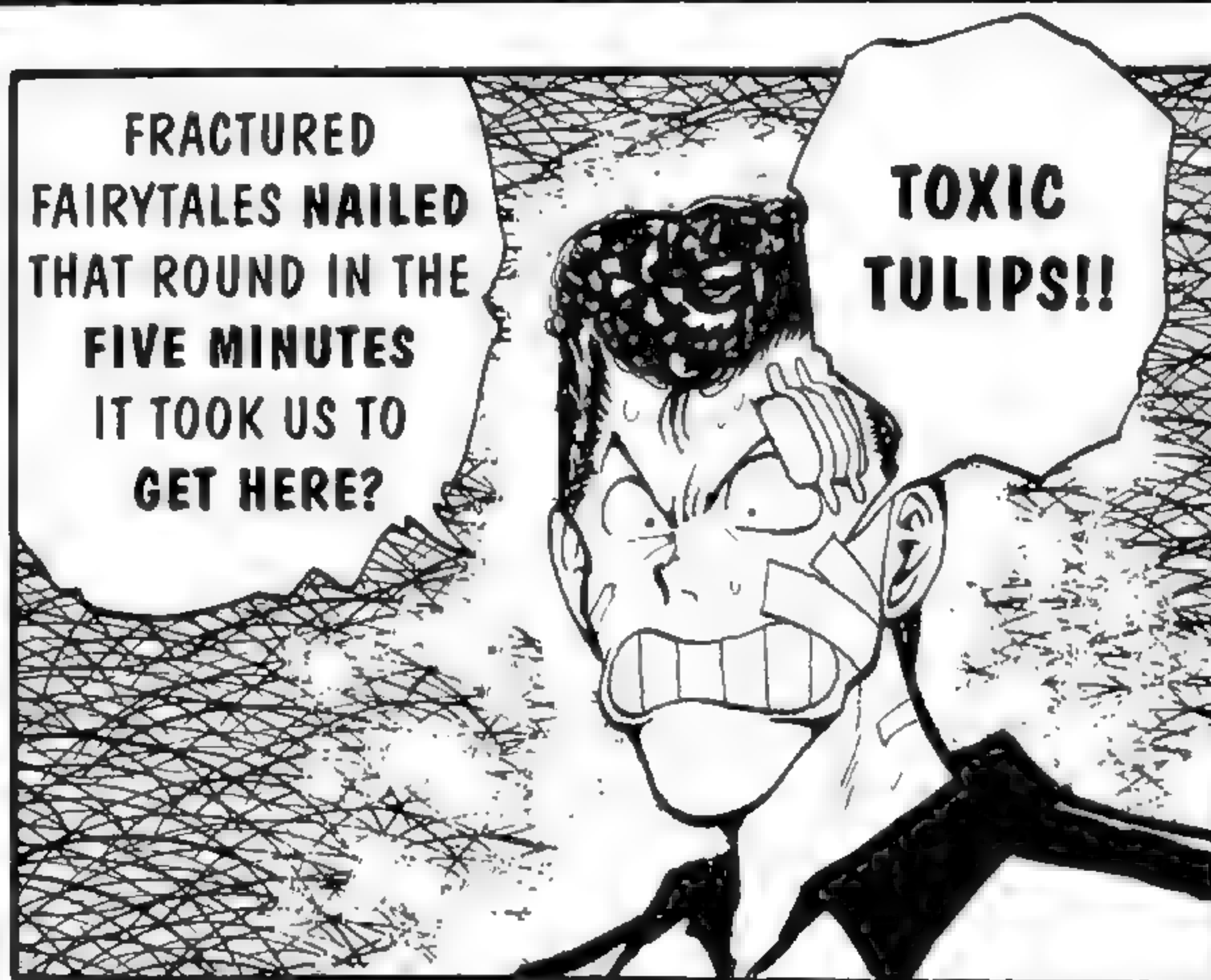
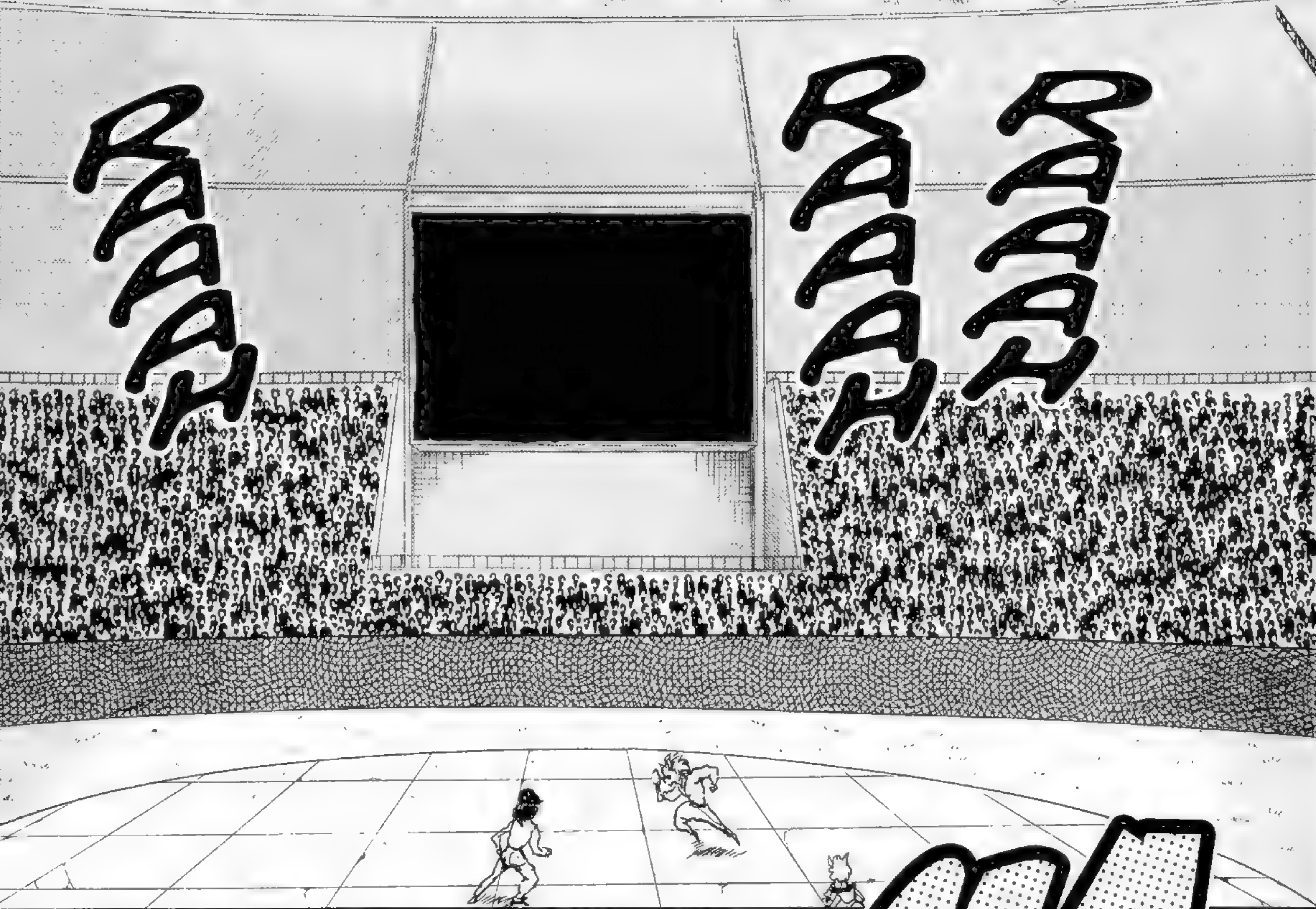
...TOO
EASY.



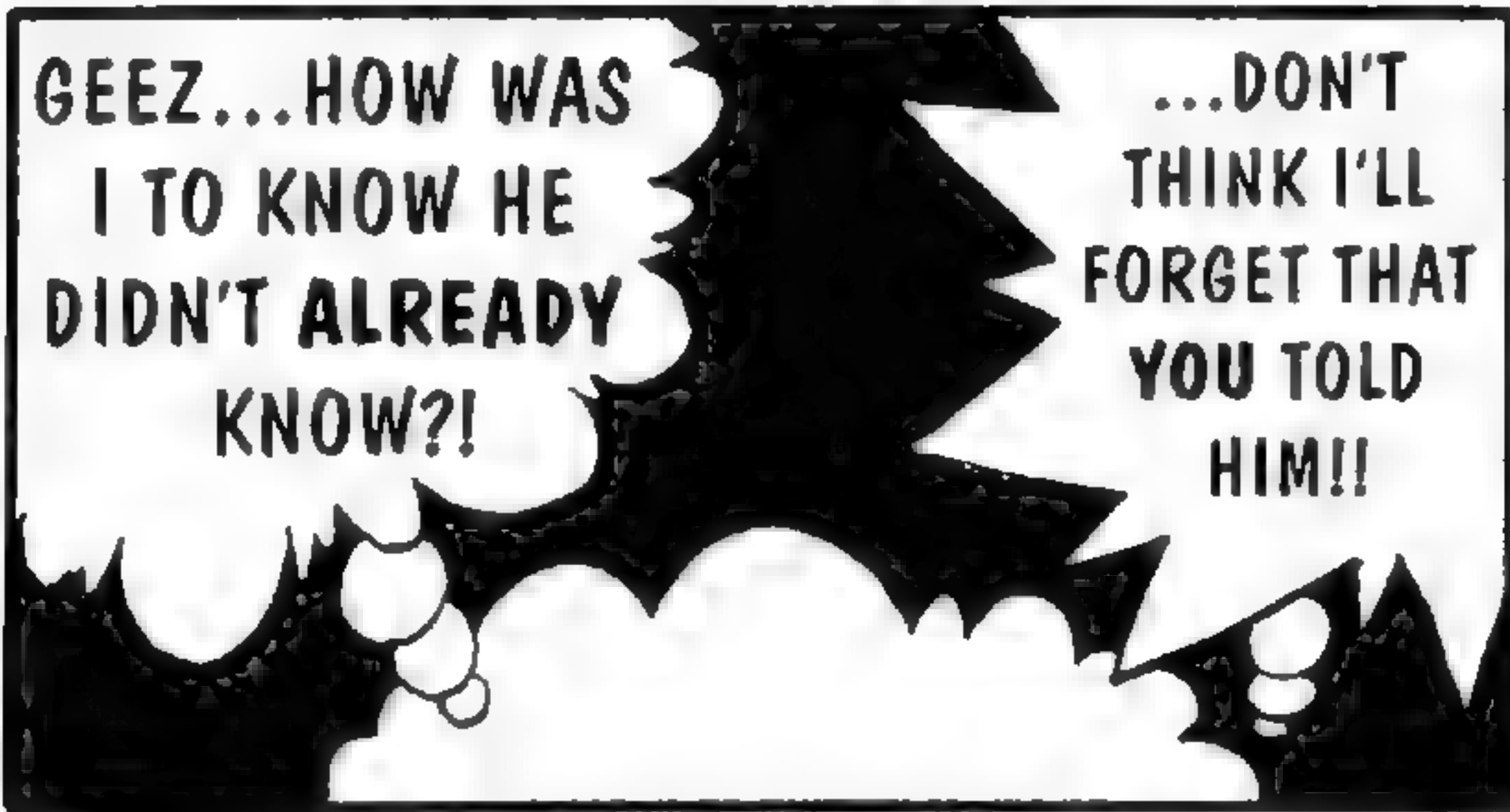
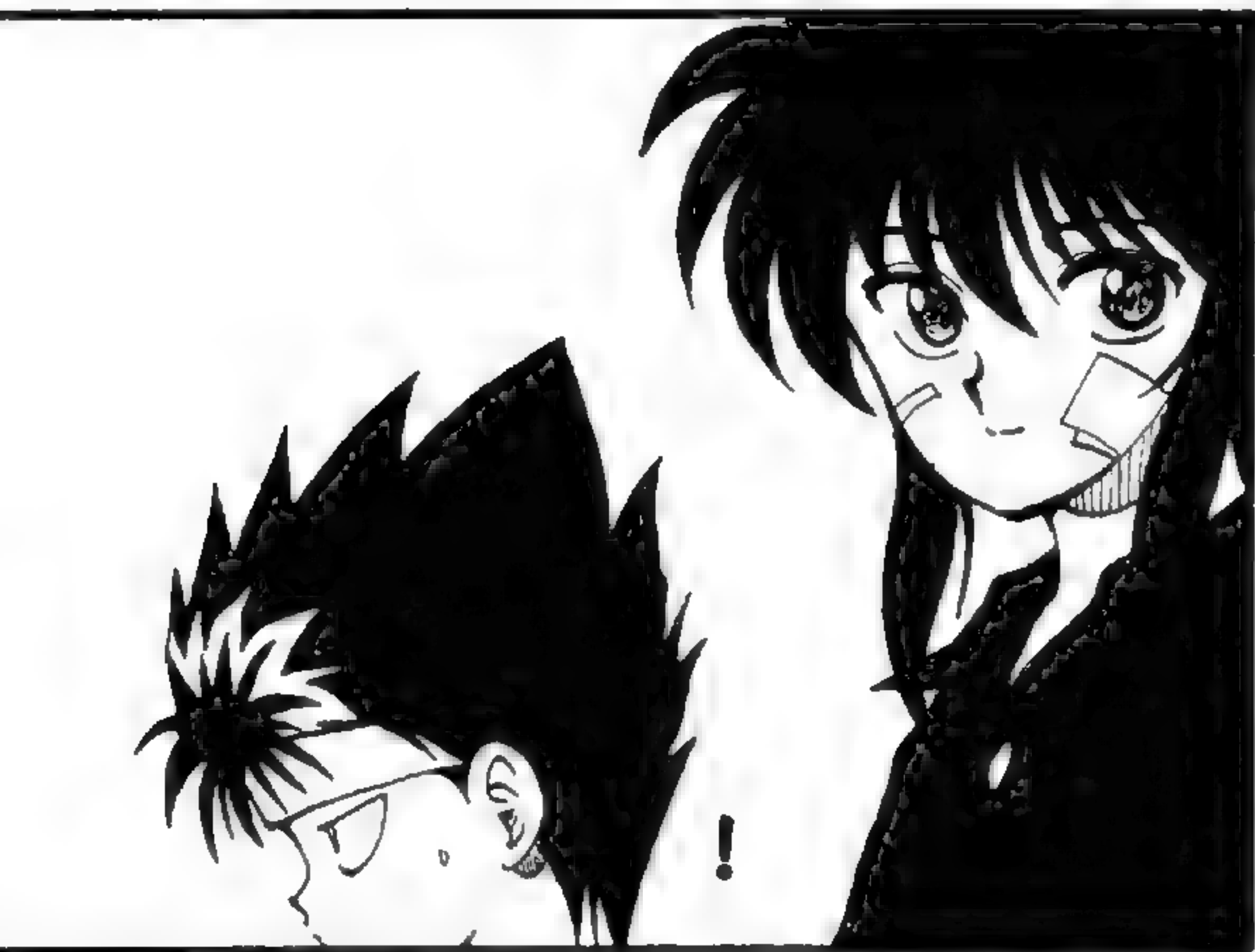




THE FACE UNDER THE MASK



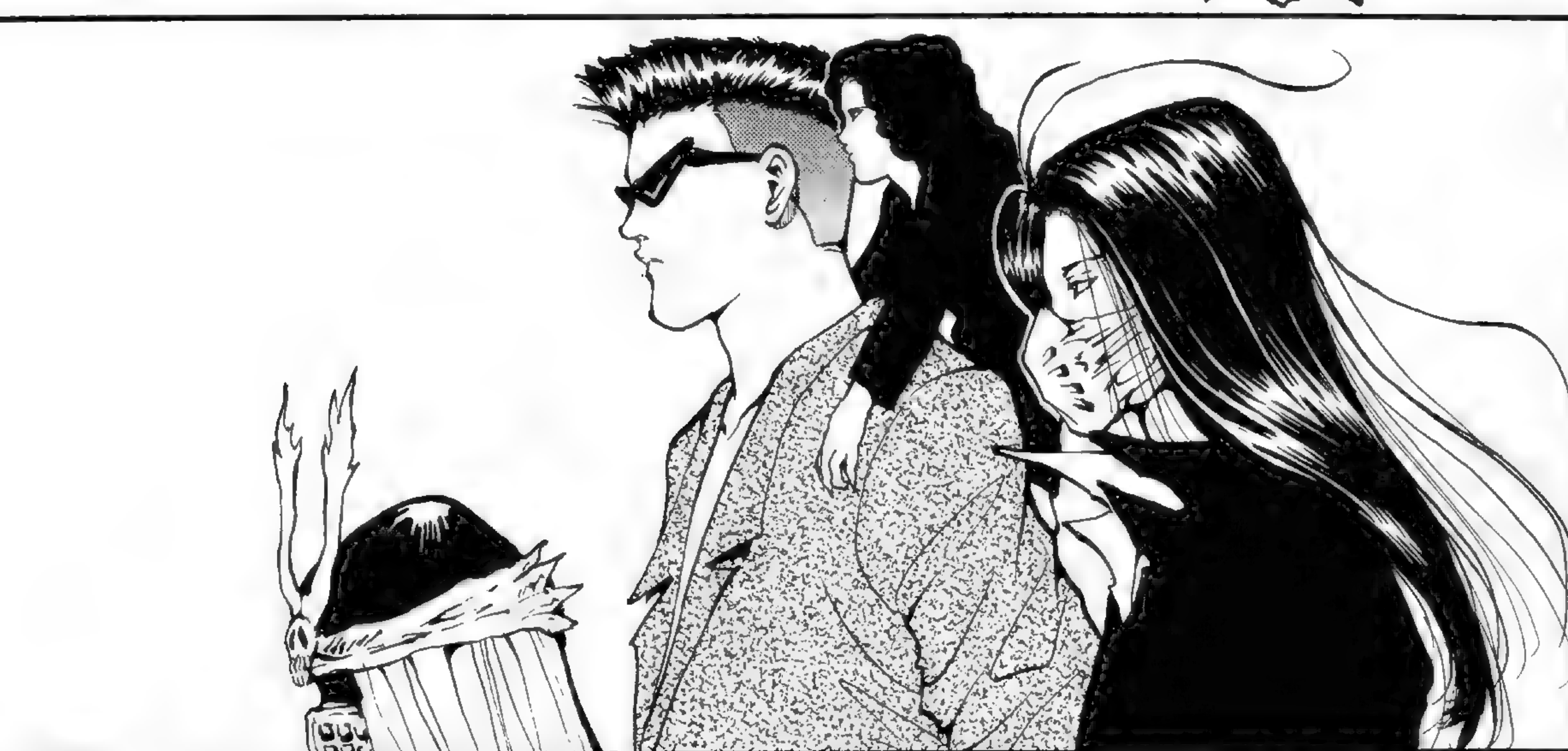
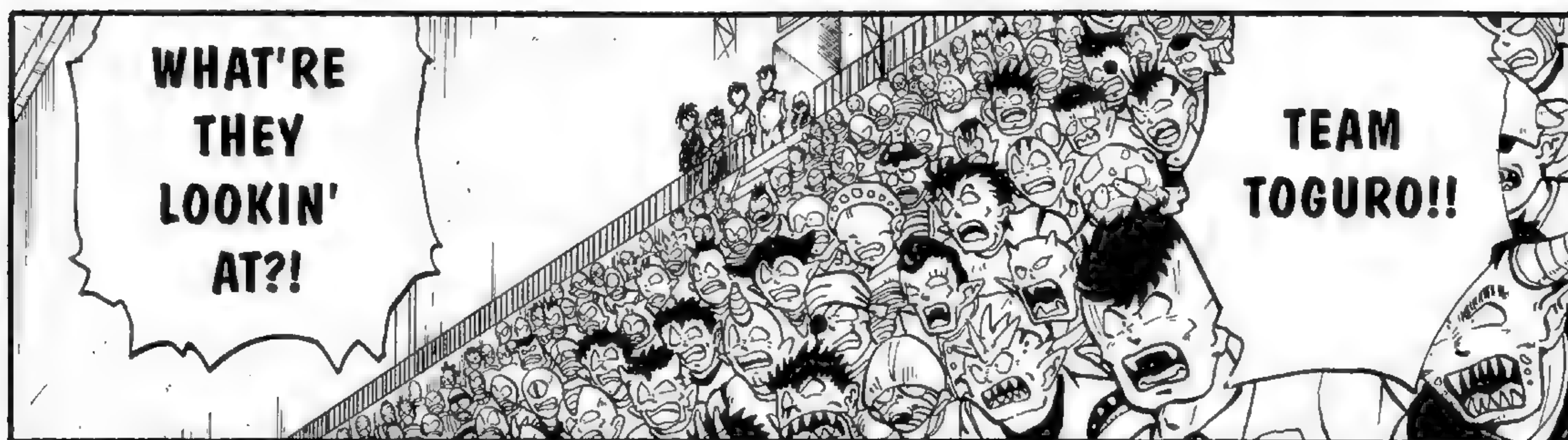


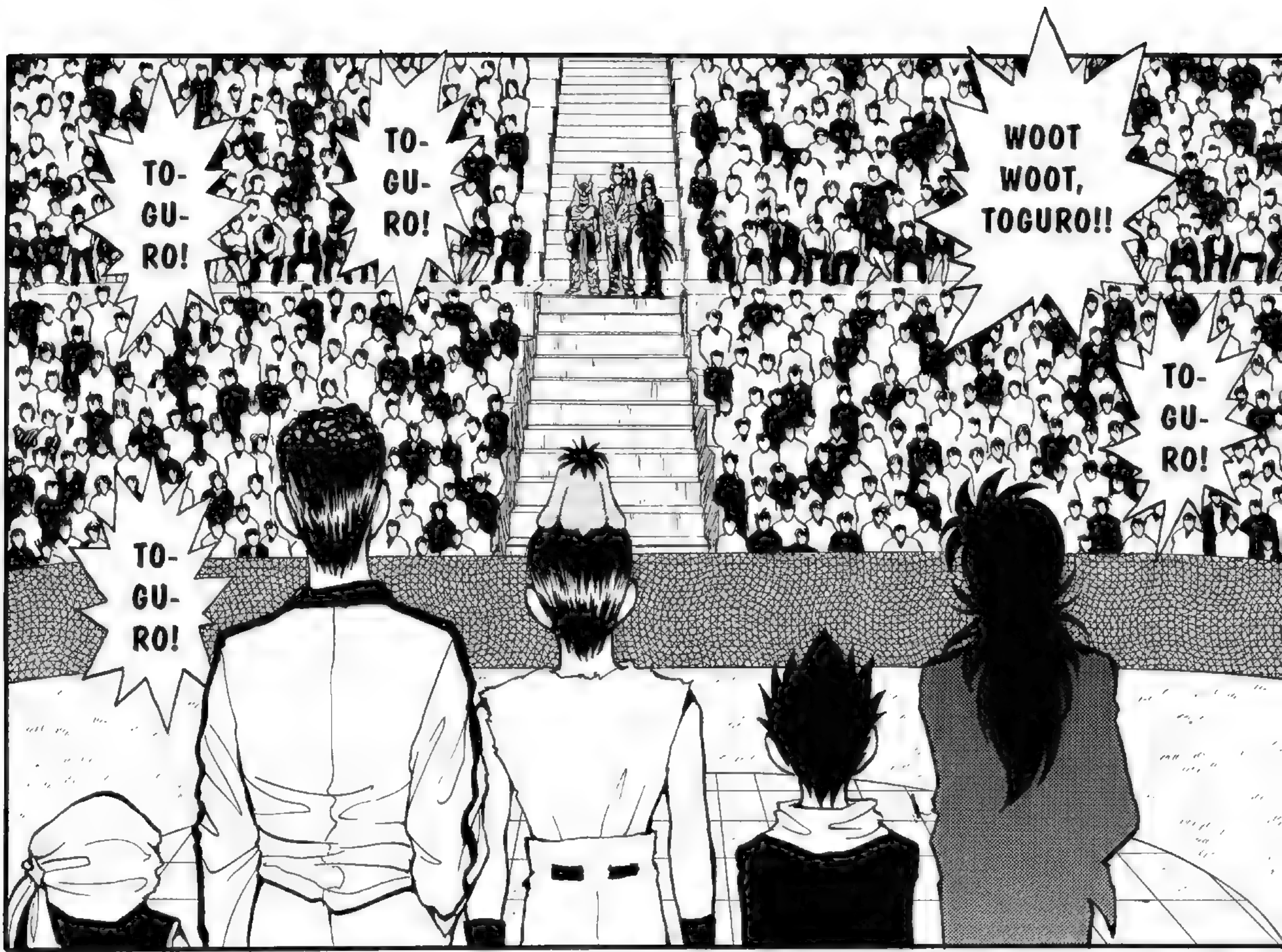


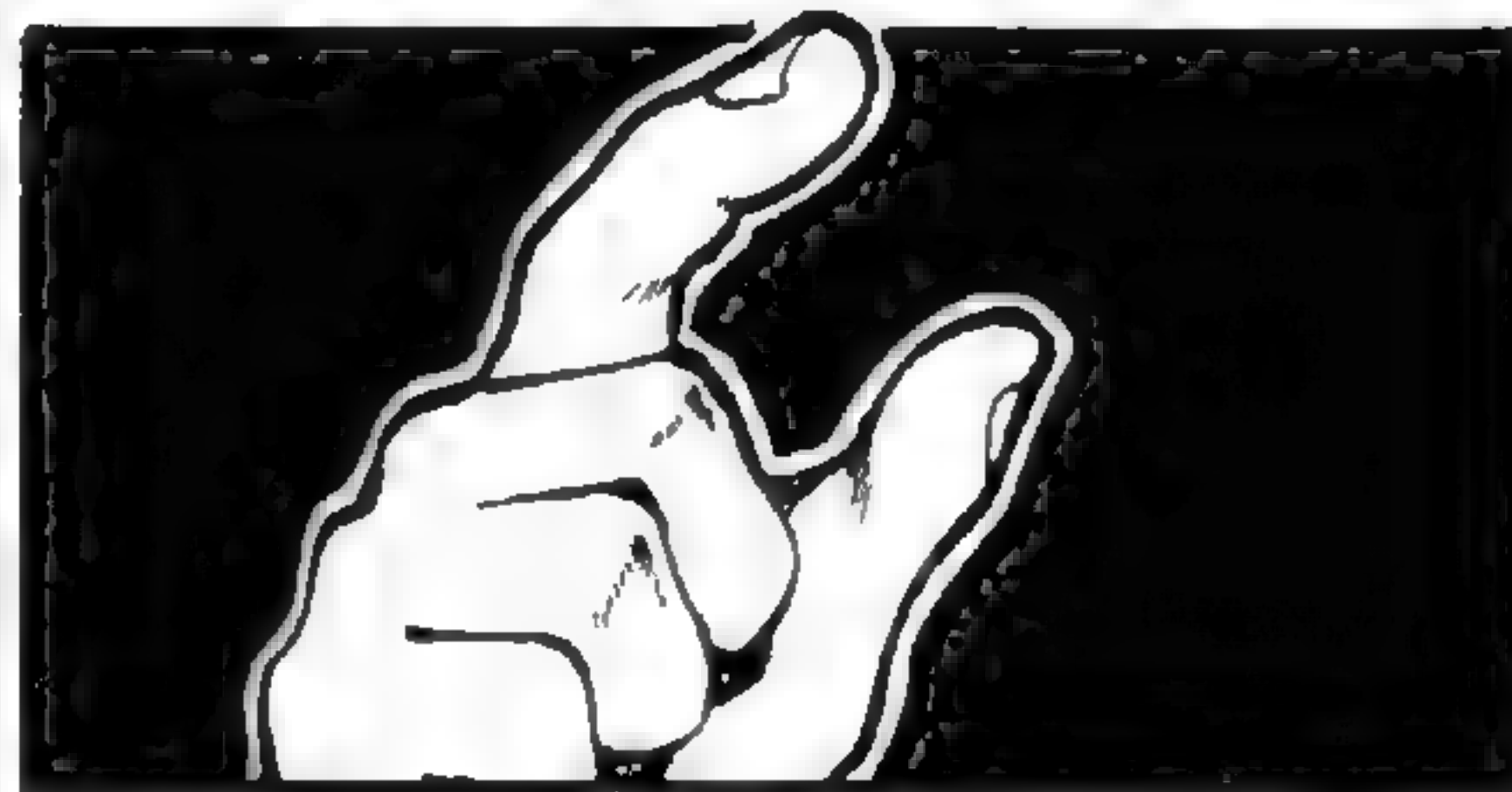
THE FACE



UNDER THE MASK



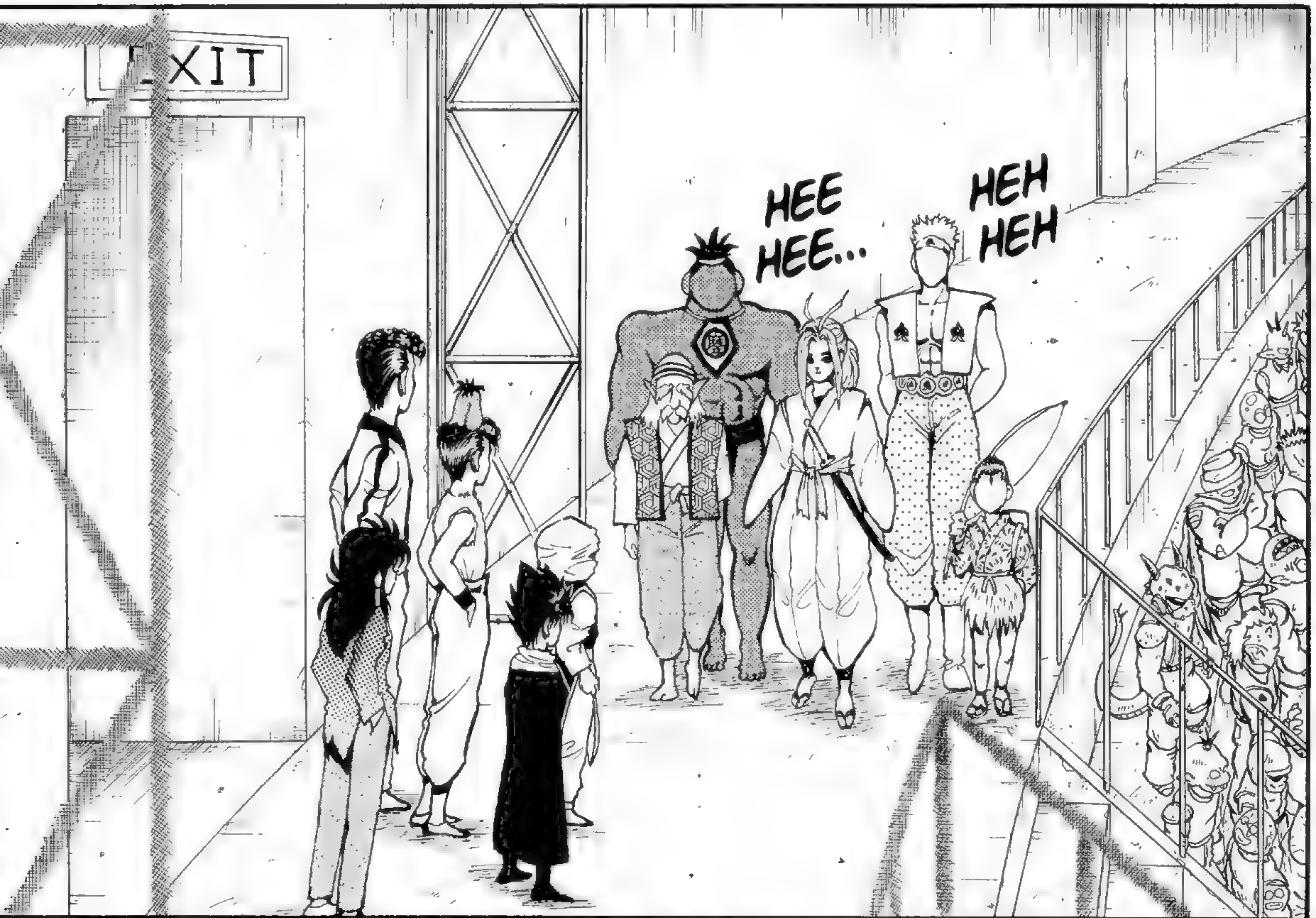
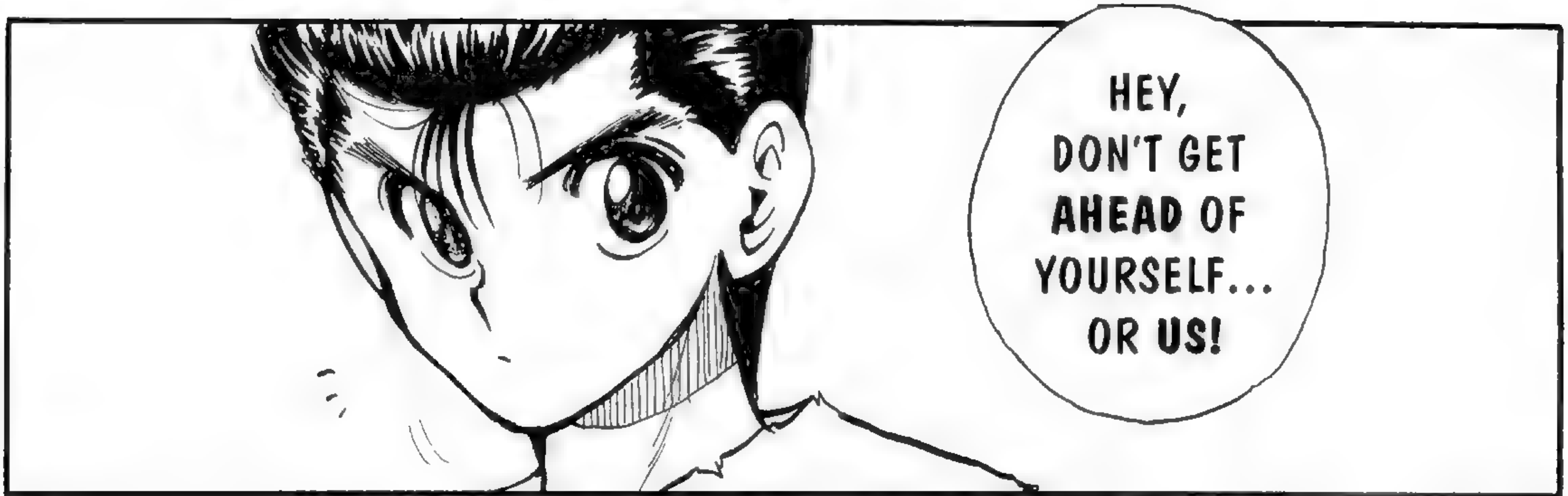






SEE GN VOL. 6.







HUH?



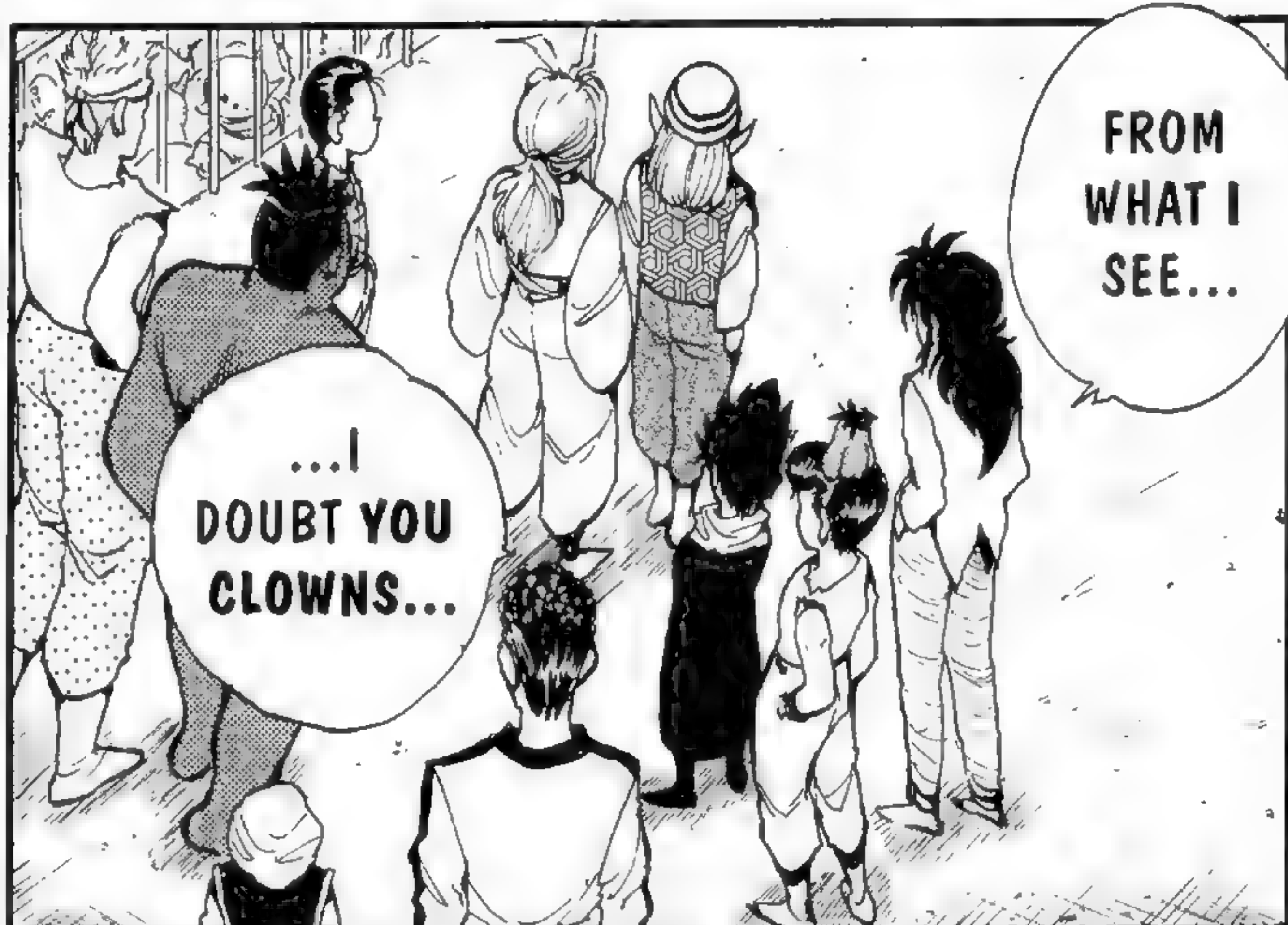
THINK
YOU FIGHT
ON THE SIDE
OF RIGHT,
EH?

PTWOO

HEH
HEH



WE'RE HERE
TO BUILD OUR
REP...YOU'RE
JUST A BUMP
ALONG THE
WAY.



...I
DOUBT YOU
CLOWNS...

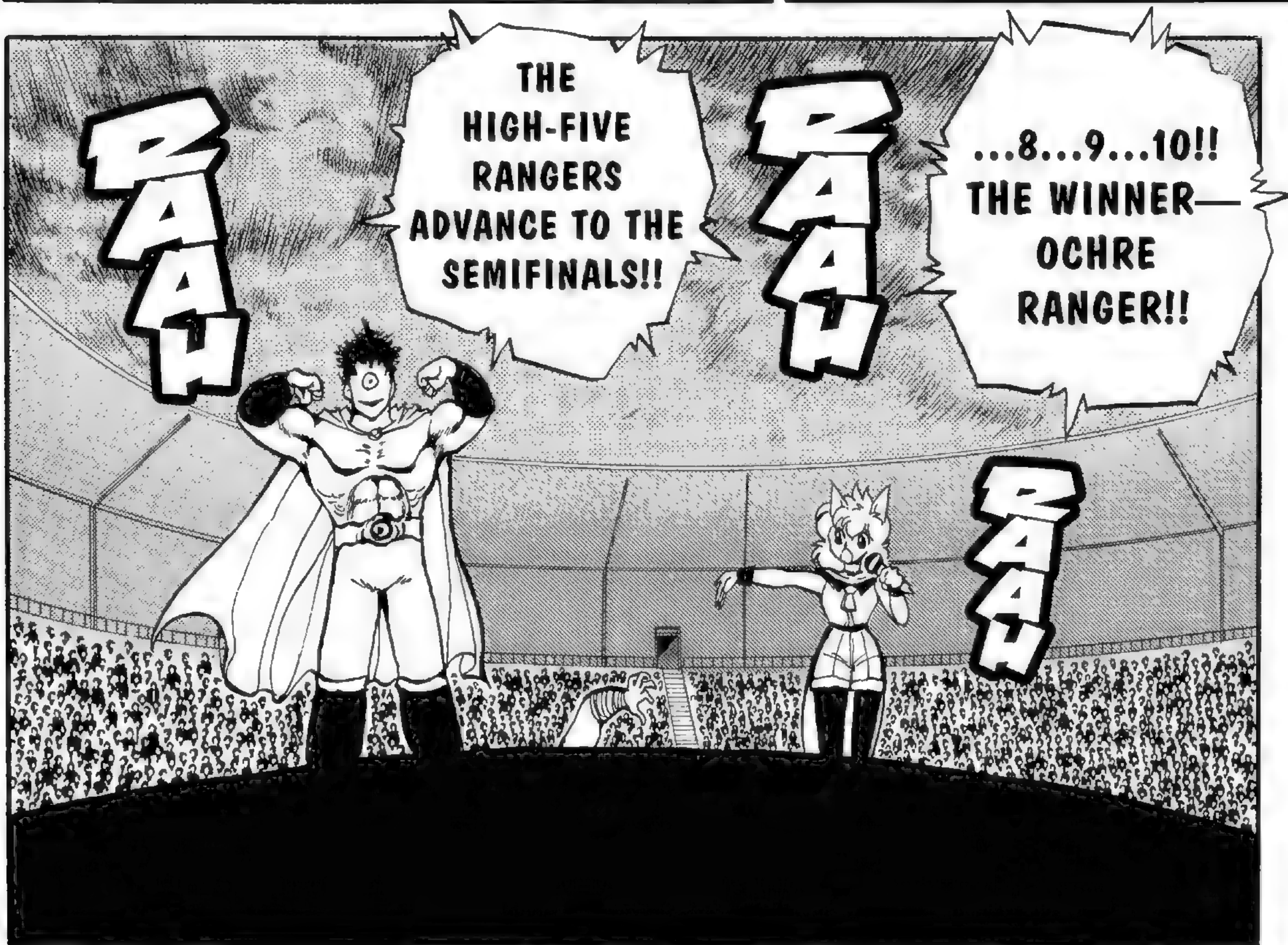
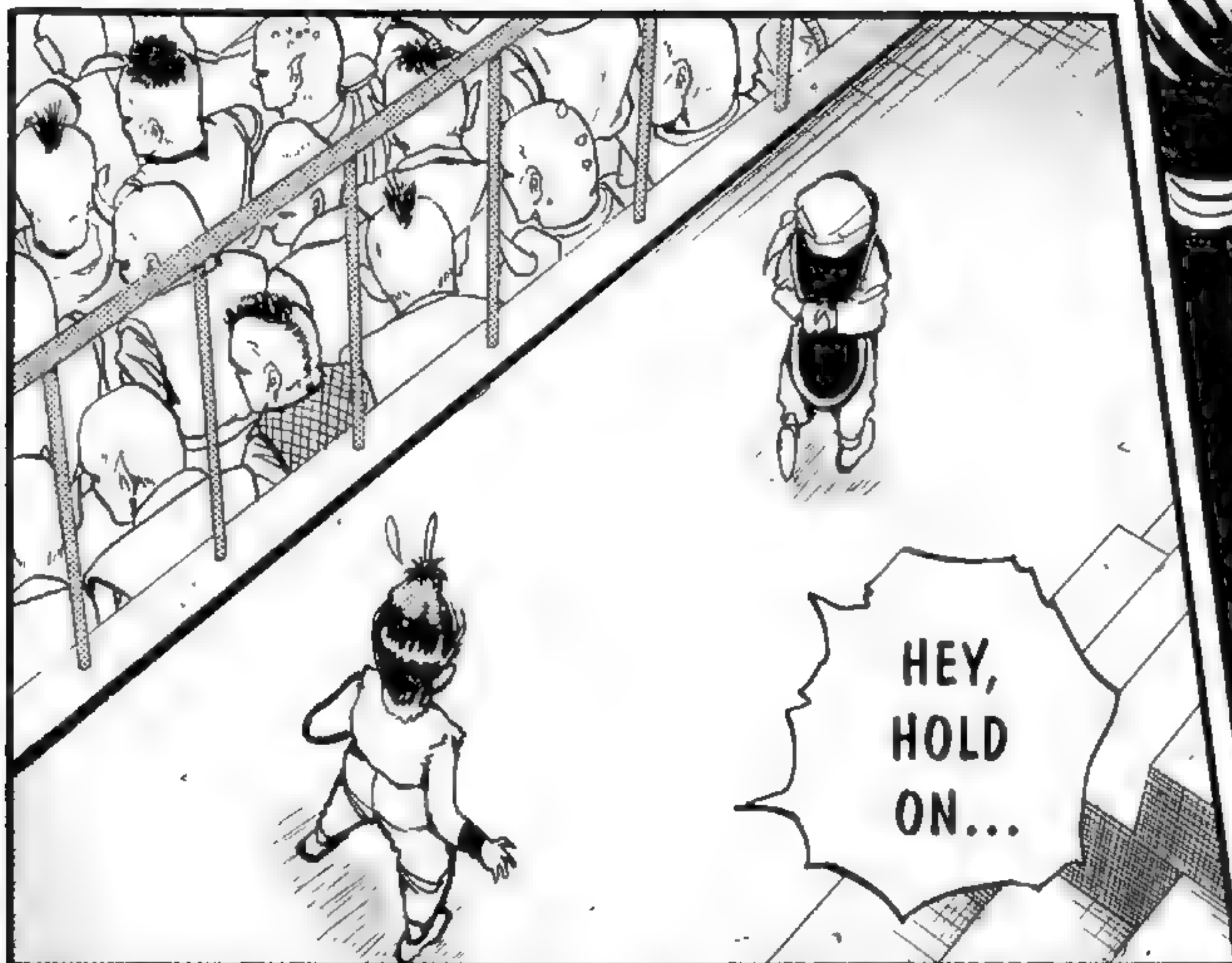
FROM
WHAT I
SEE...



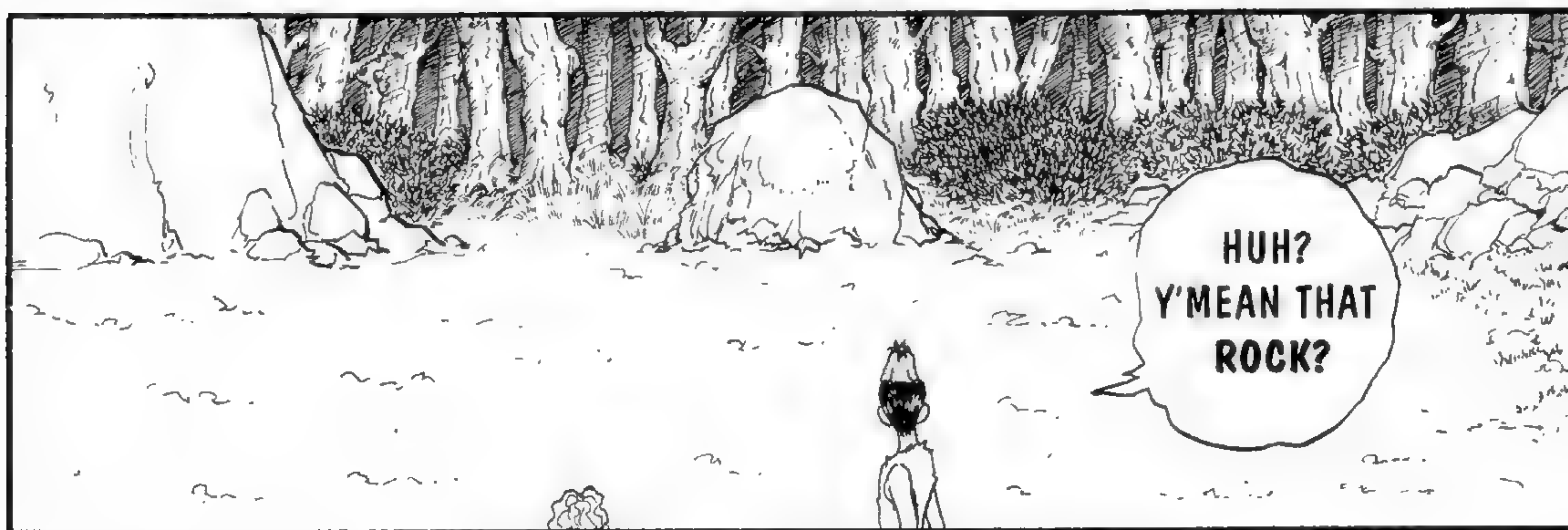
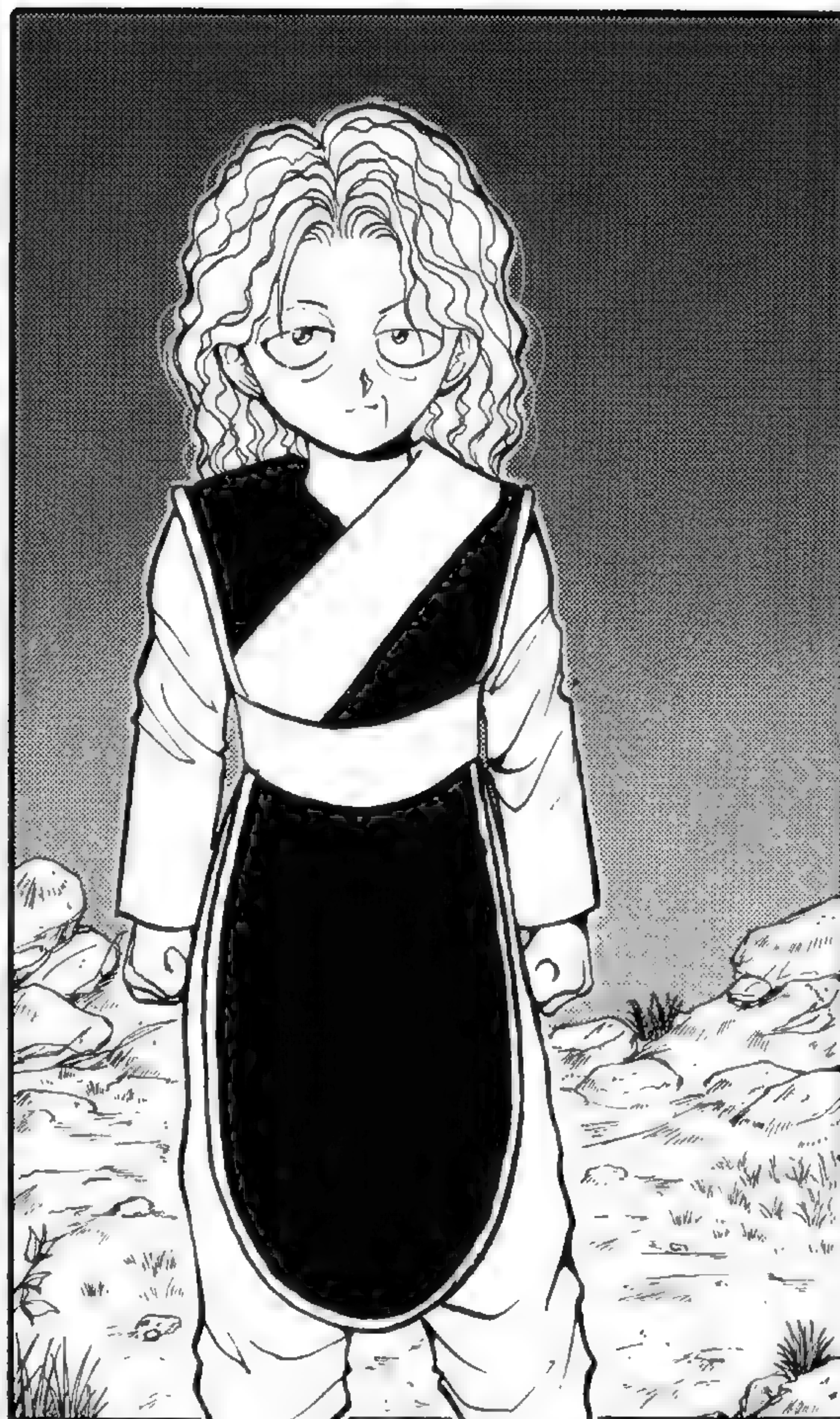
...A
REP
ON!

...HAVE GOT
ANYTHING
TO BUILD...











STOP
BEING A
PIGHEADED
OAF AND
DO IT!

YOU
COULDN'T
JUST
ANSWER ...



YES.
FIRE YOUR
REIGUN AT
IT.

GIVE
IT FULL
POWER.

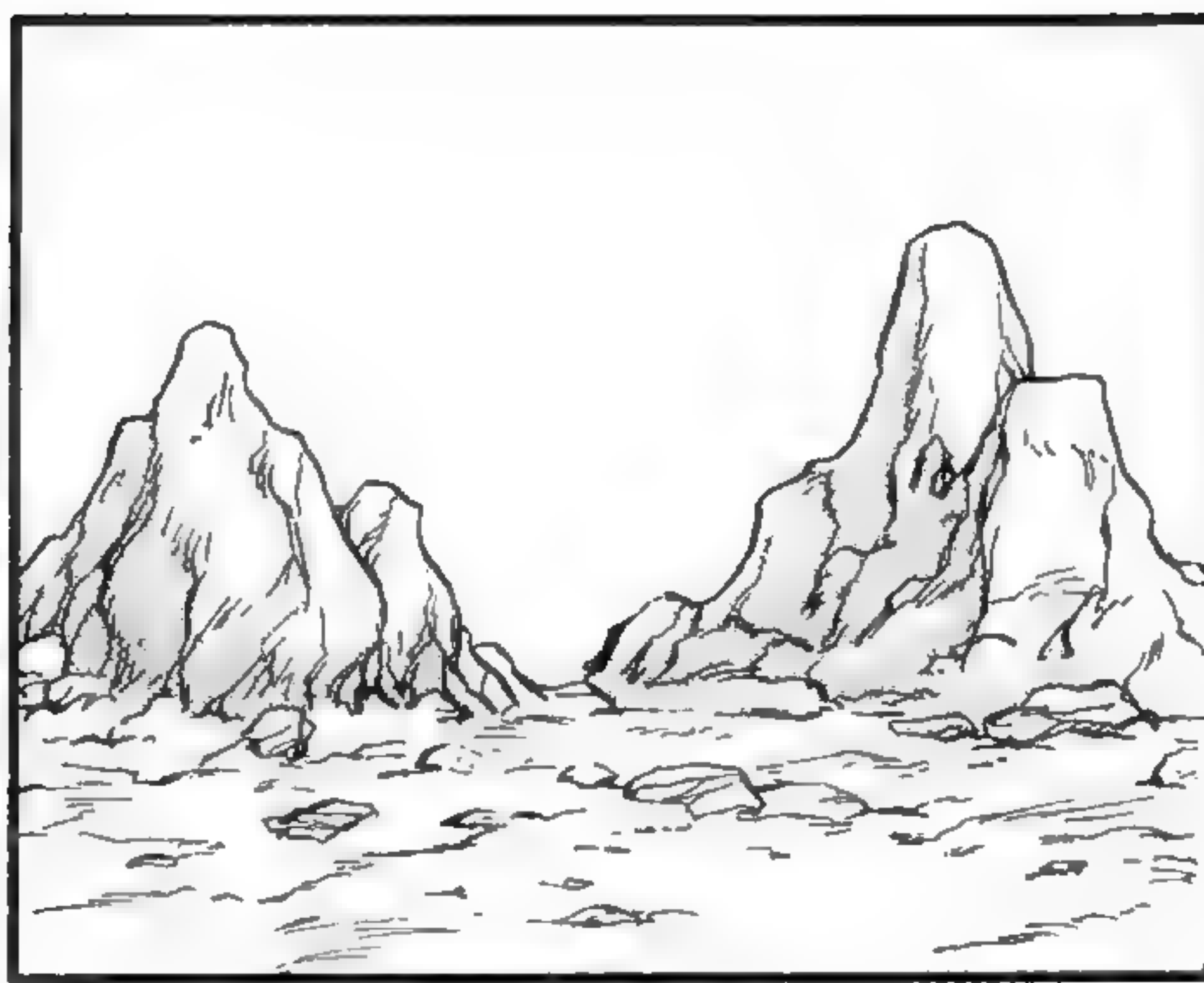
REEEE



OKAY,
OKAY! FULL
POWER, HUH?
YOU GOT IT!



HIYAH
!!





...AND,
FOR THAT
MATTER,
ME!

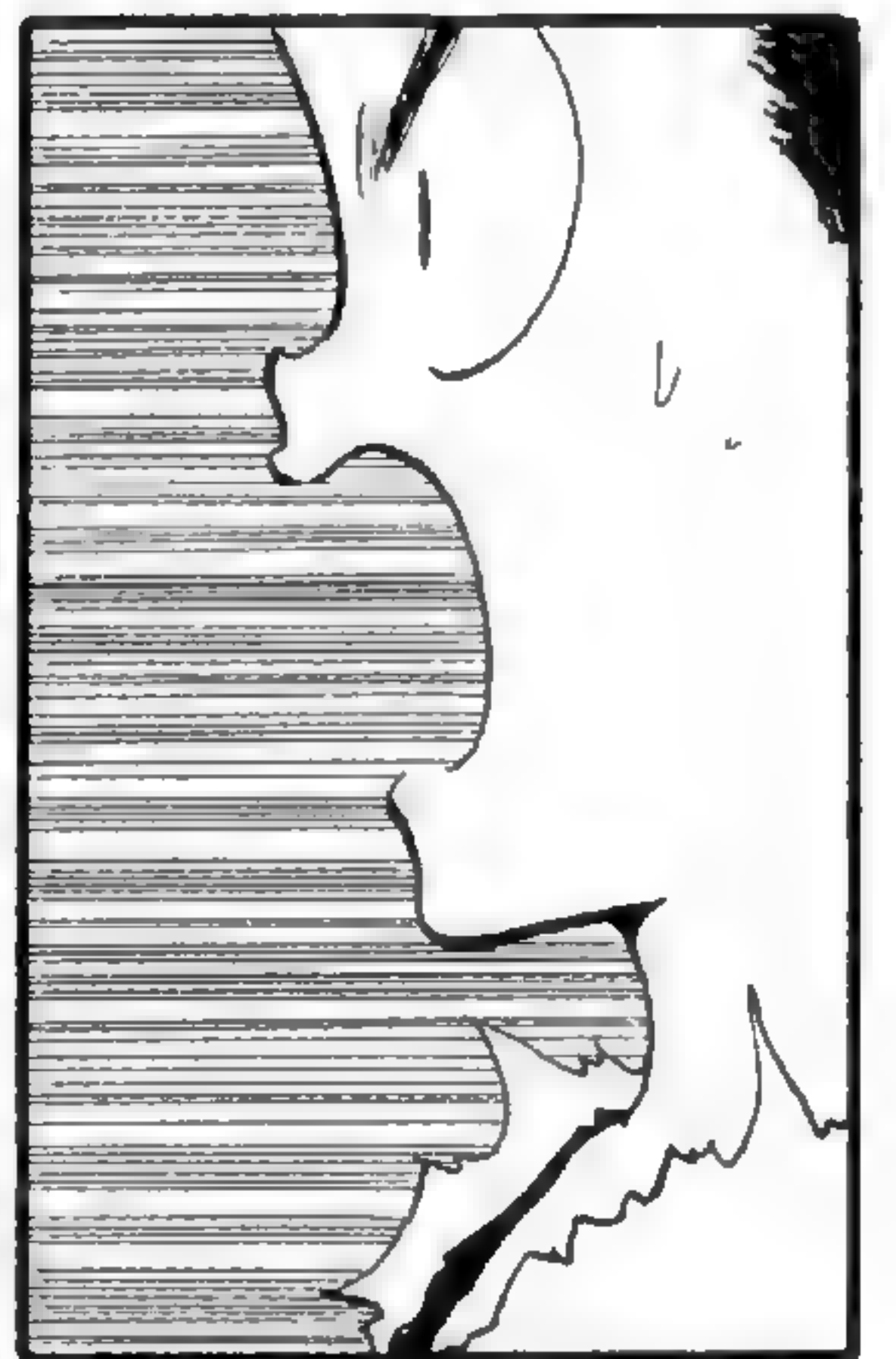
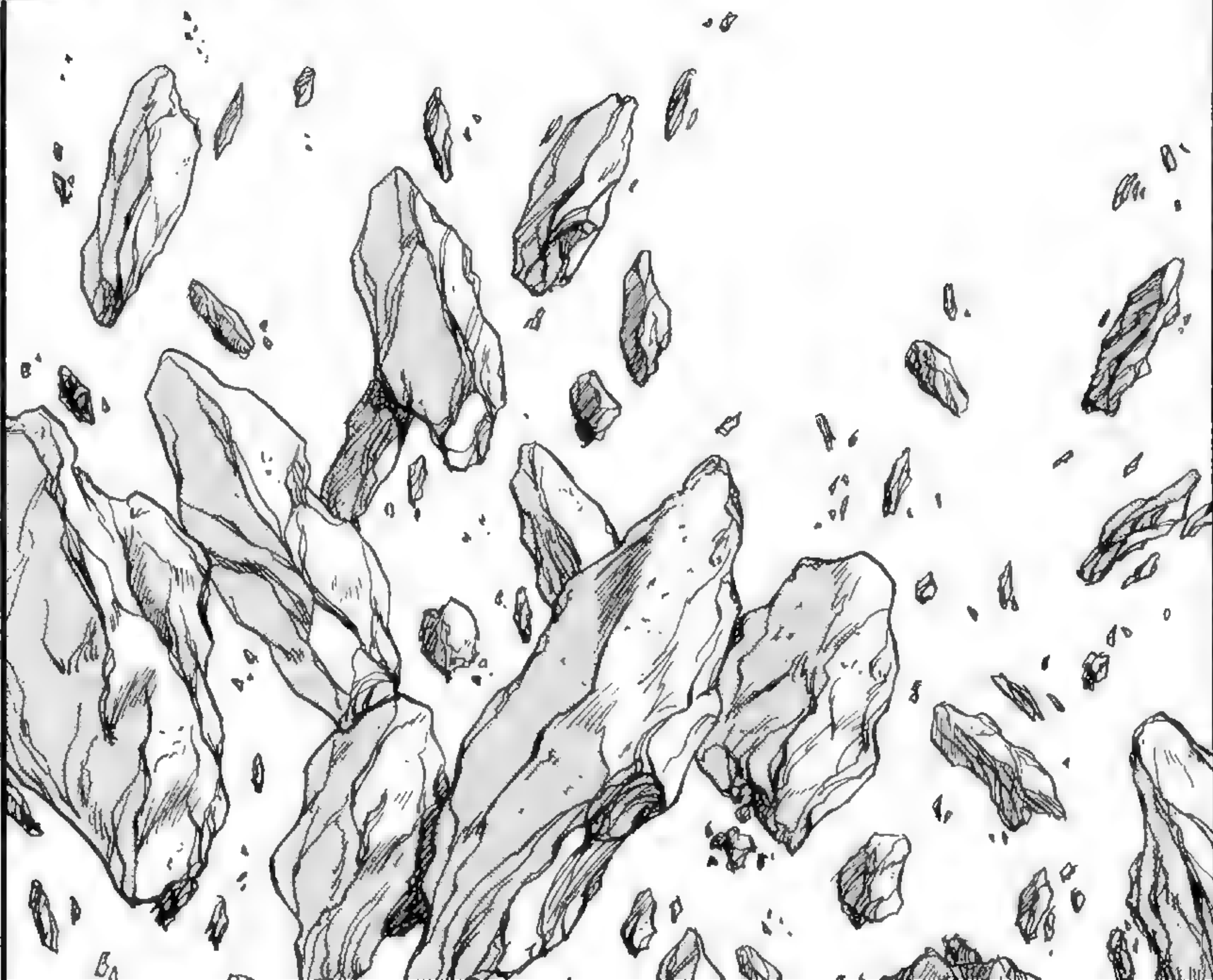


...AGAINST
TOGURO...



...BECAUSE
HERE'S
WHY
YOU'D
LOSE...





RRRUMBLE

...THE CELLS
REVITALIZE,
THE BODY
REJUVENATES
...

WHEN
REIKI IS
FULLY
REALIZED...



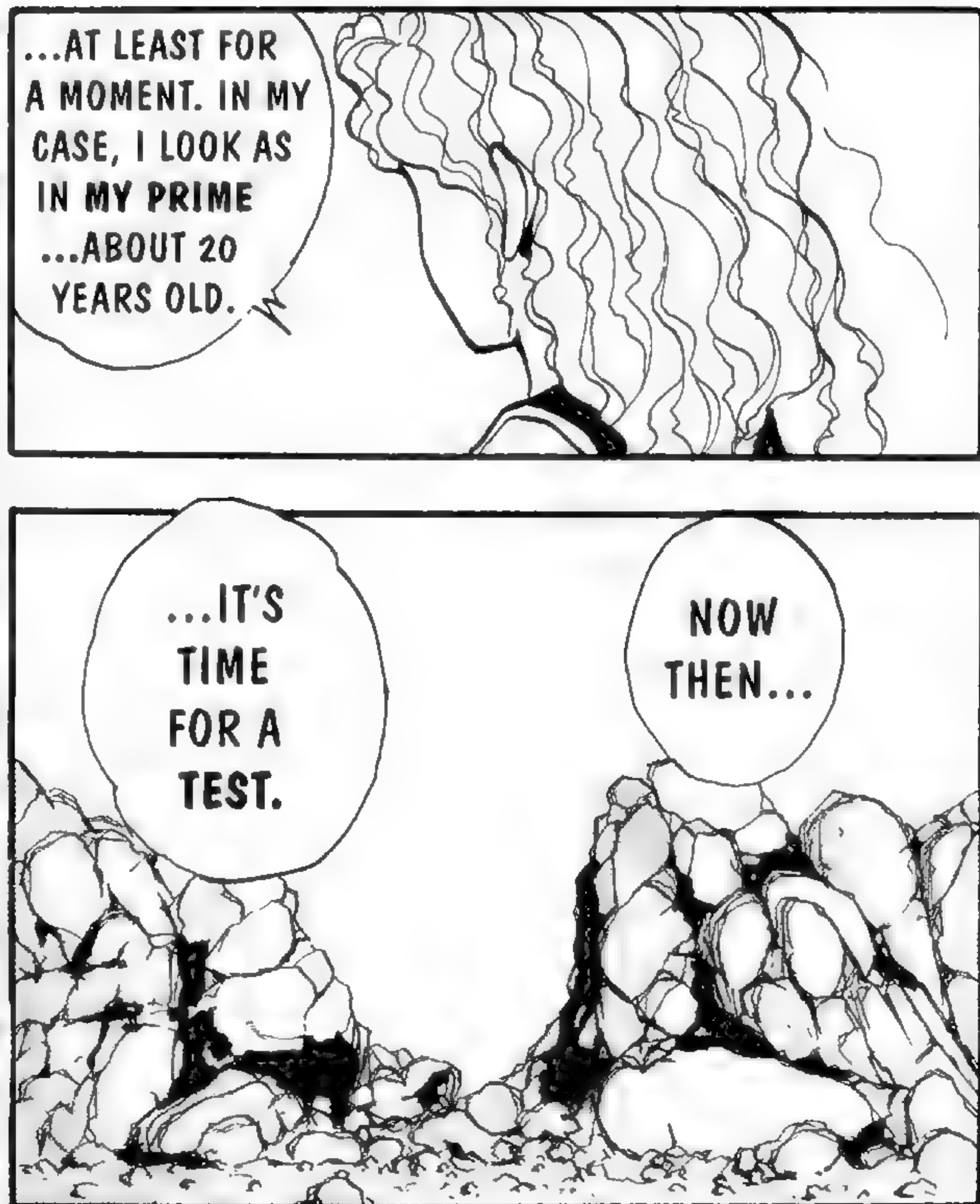
AND
THIS
TEST...

...IS THE
LAST I'LL
EVER GIVE
YOU.

...AT LEAST FOR
A MOMENT. IN MY
CASE, I LOOK AS
IN MY PRIME
...ABOUT 20
YEARS OLD.

...IT'S
TIME
FOR A
TEST.

NOW
THEN...





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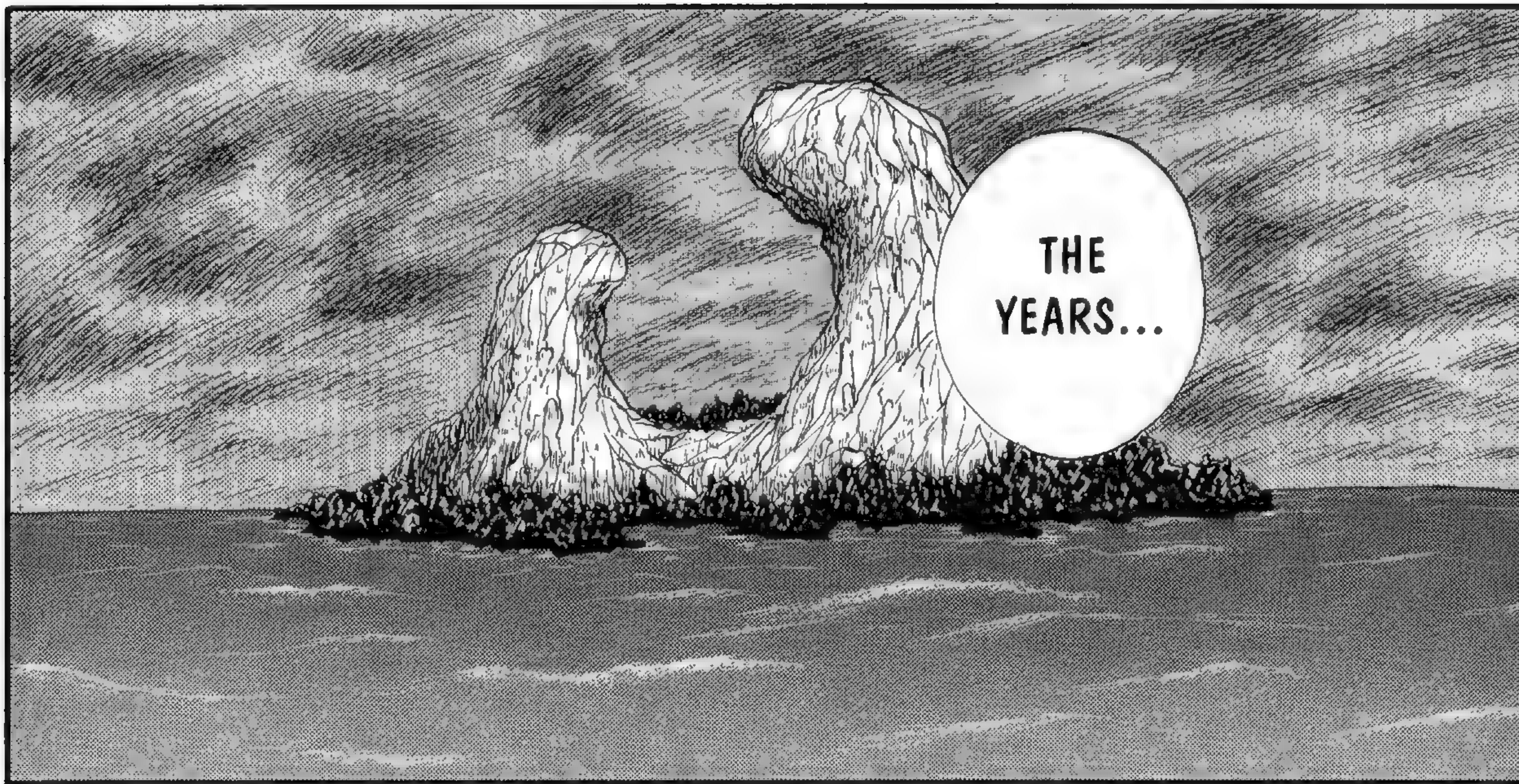
THE HUGE ORDEAL!!



THE HUGE ORDEAL!!







THE
YEARS...



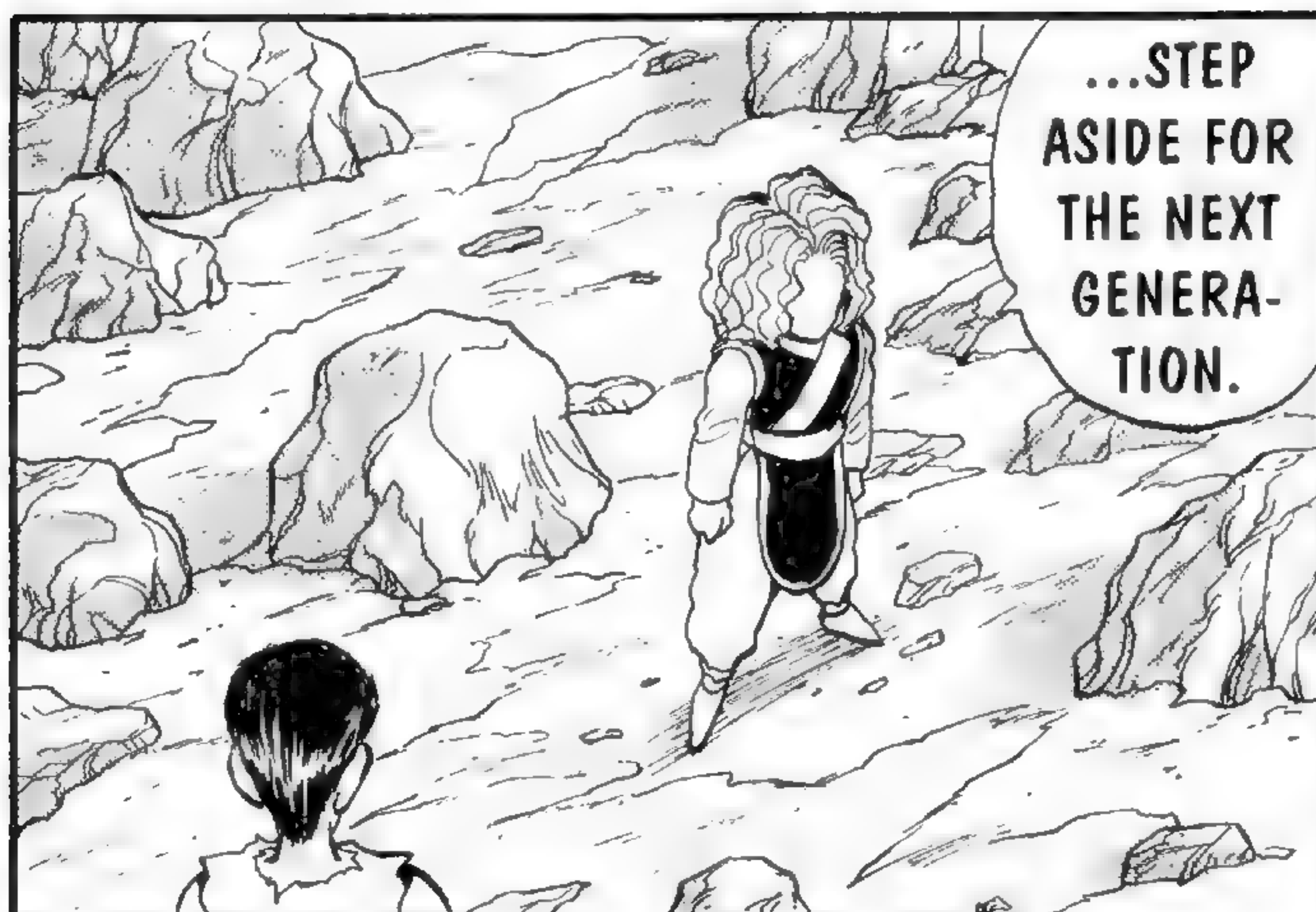
...AND
YOU REALIZE
THE YEARS
HAVE ALSO
ZAPPED YOUR
STRENGTH.

...GIVE YOU
EXPERIENCE, ALLOWING
YOU TO HONE YOUR
SKILLS AND GAME
PLANS. BUT THEN YOU
REACH OLD AGE...



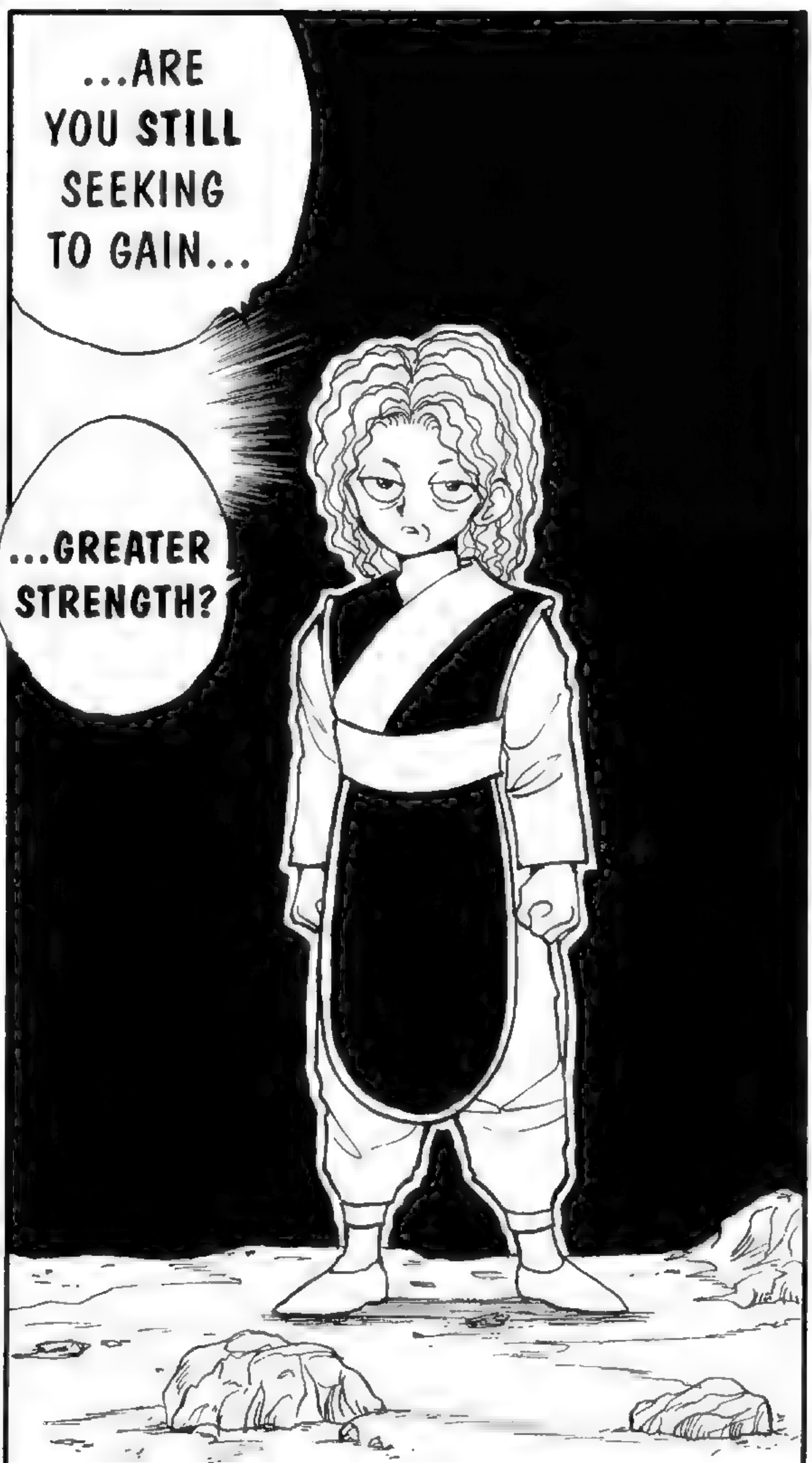
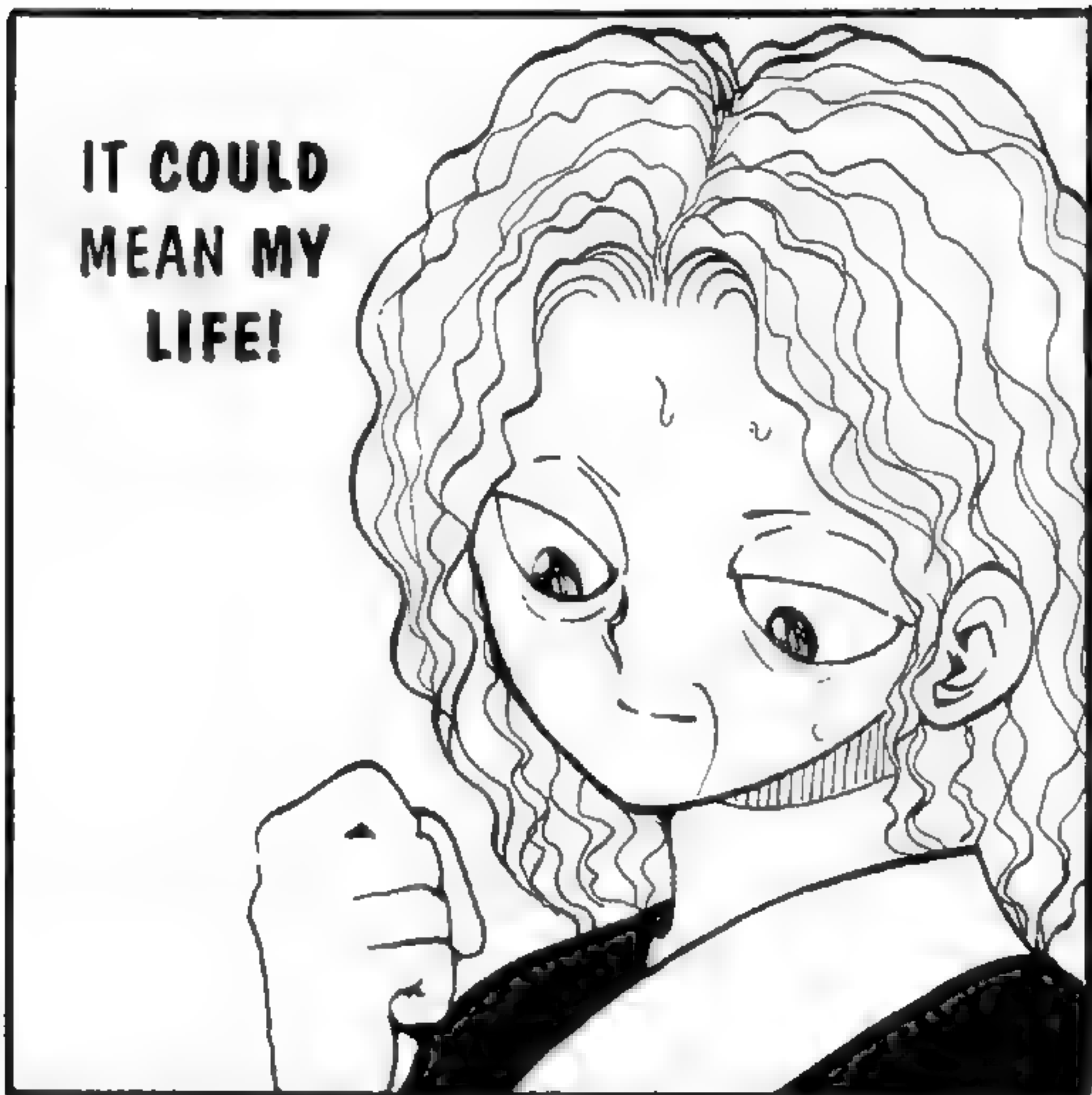
NATURE
GIVES US
OUR TIME,
AND THEN
WE...

THAT'S
JUST THE
WAY IT
GOES.

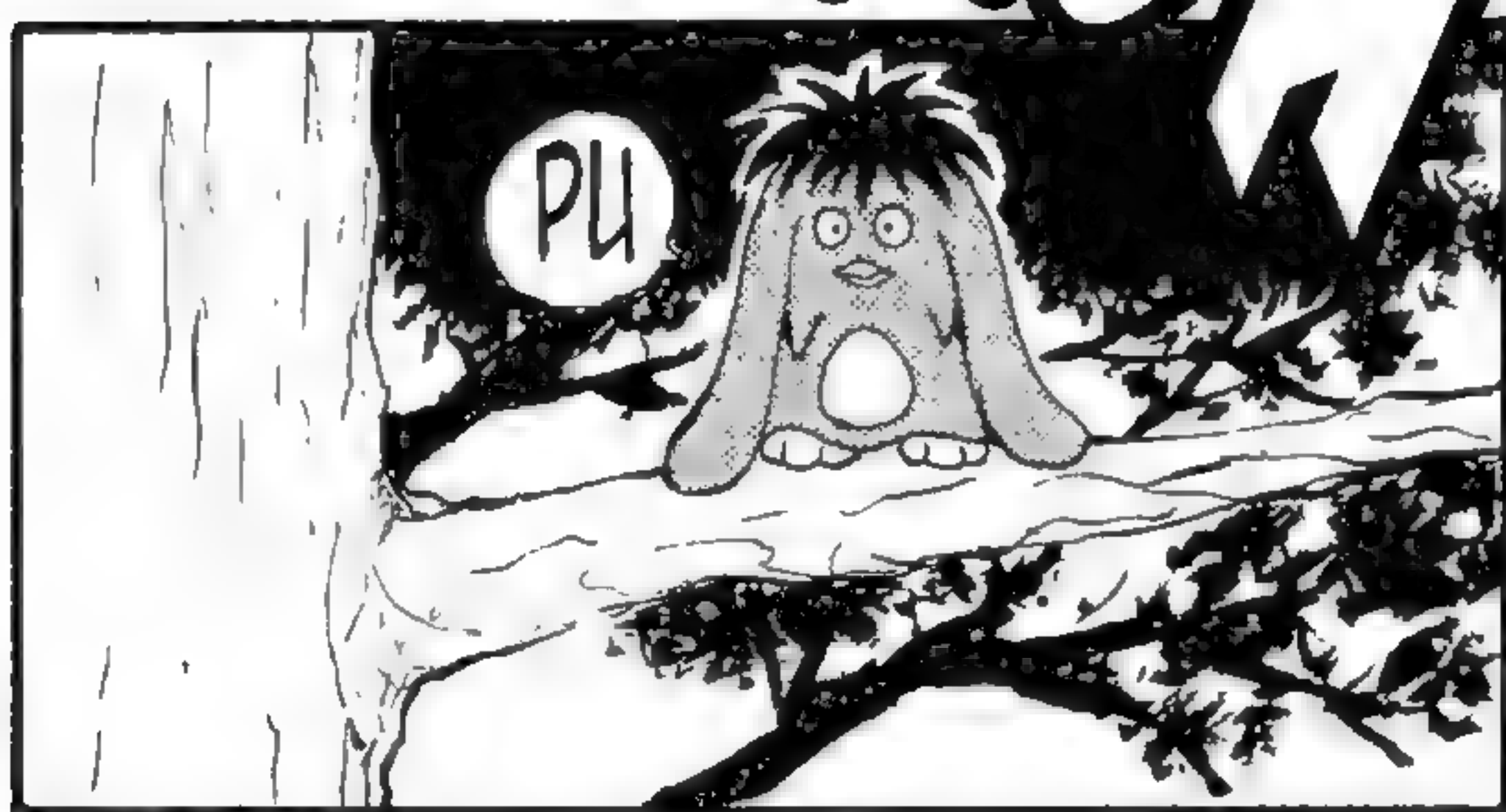


...STEP
ASIDE FOR
THE NEXT
GENERA-
TION.



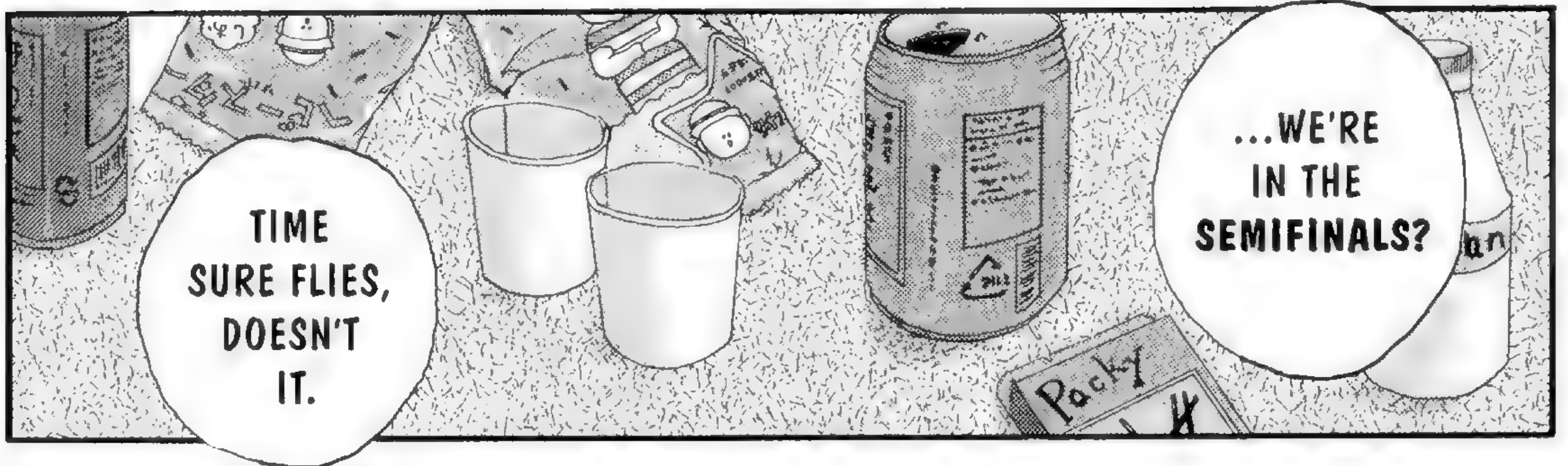






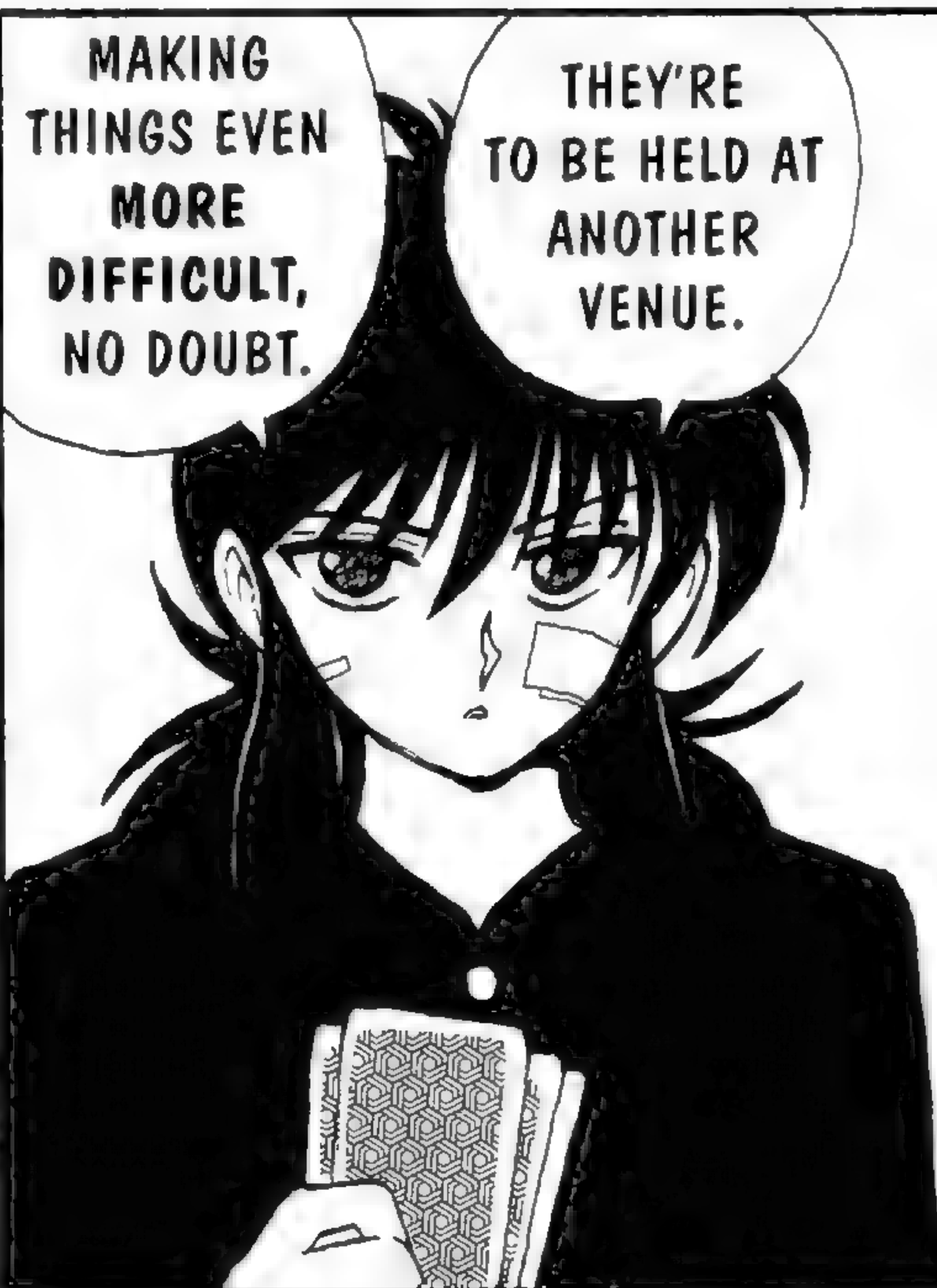


WHAT'S
KEEPING
THOSE TWO?
THEY'RE
LATE!



TIME
SURE FLIES,
DOESN'T
IT.

...WE'RE
IN THE
SEMIFINALS?

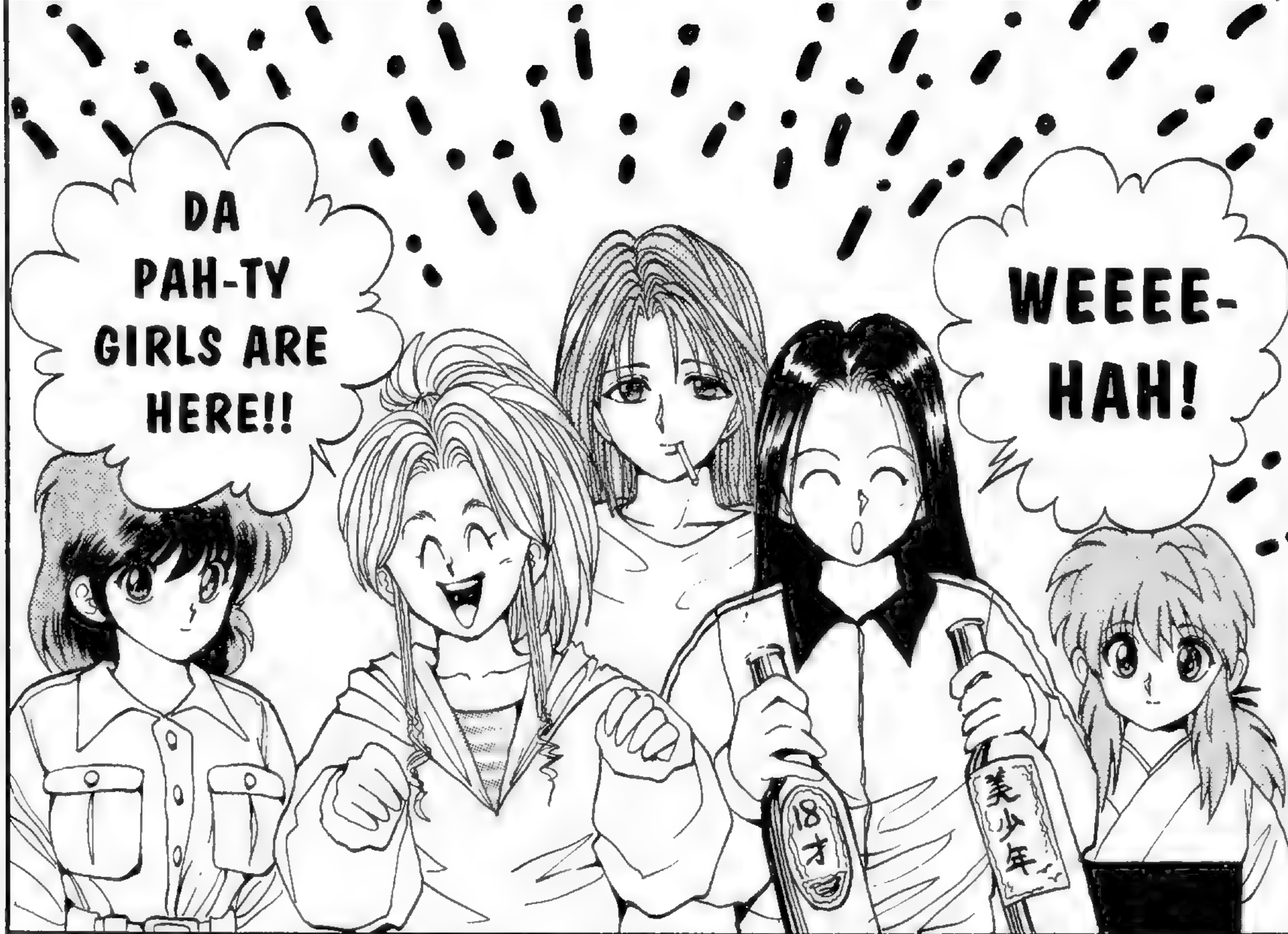


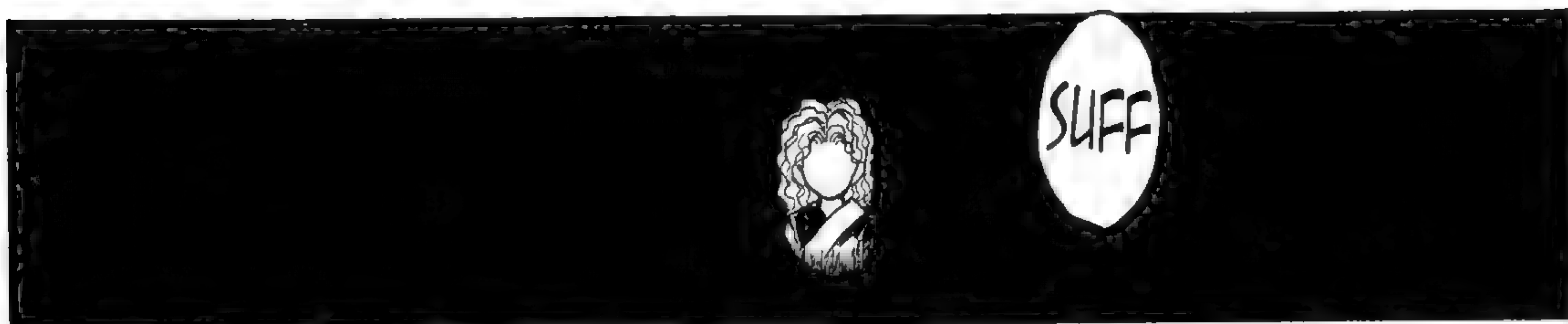
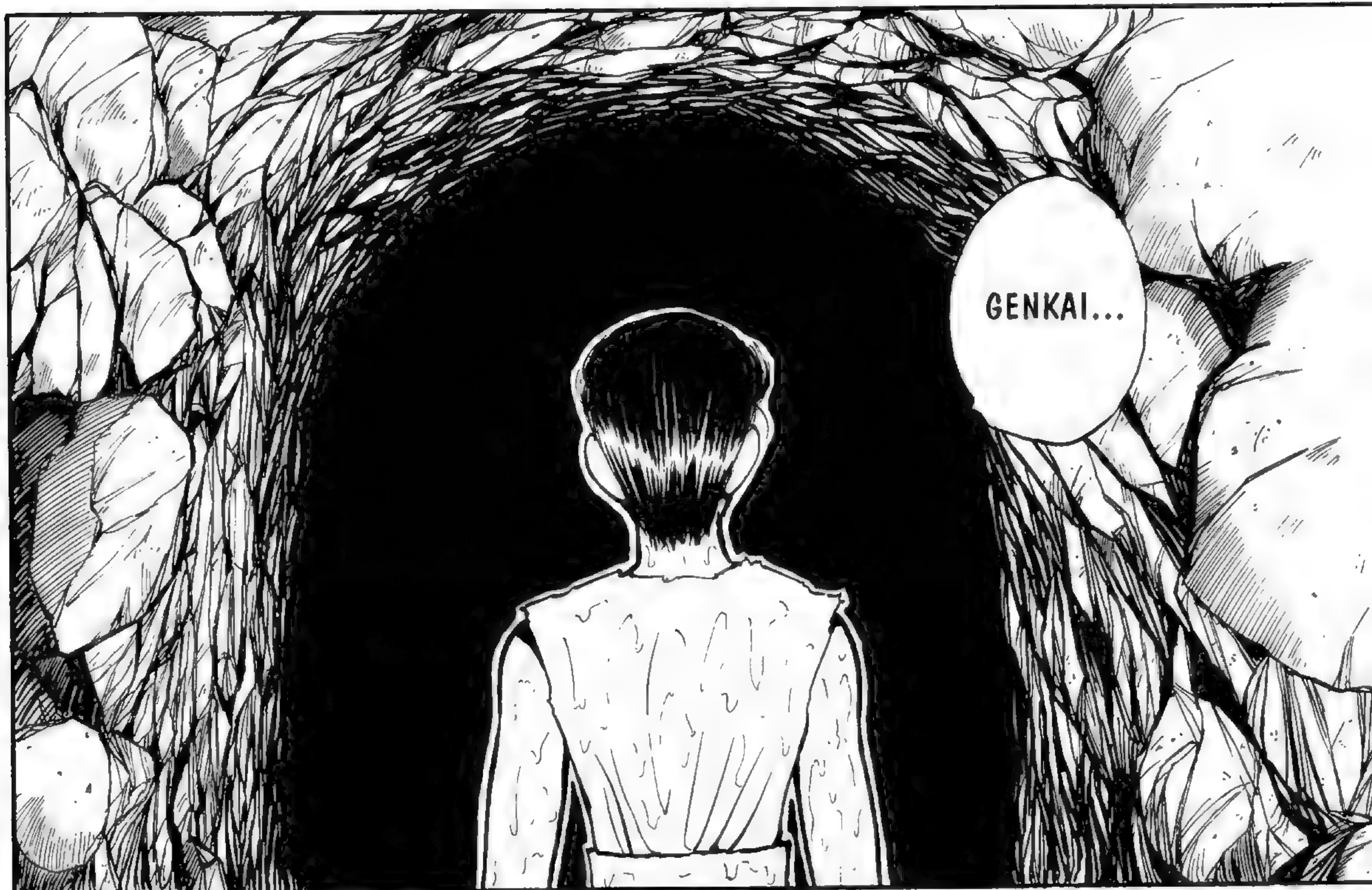
MAKING
THINGS EVEN
MORE
DIFFICULT,
NO DOUBT.

THEY'RE
TO BE HELD AT
ANOTHER
VENUE.



SO WHAT?
WE'LL
NAIL
IT!



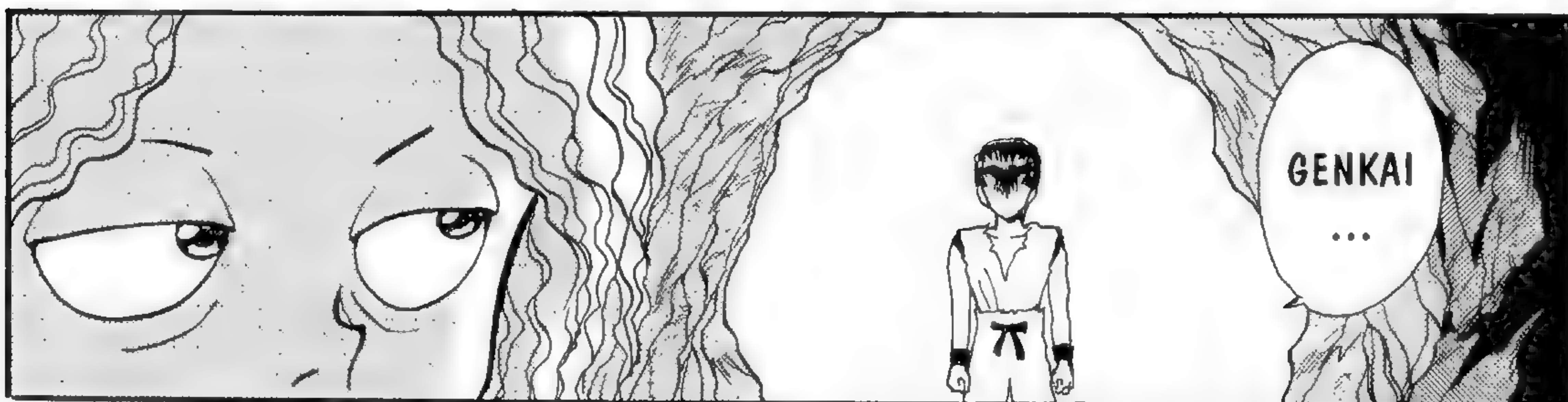




WE
DON'T HAVE
MUCH
TIME.



FINALLY
READY, EH?
GOOD.

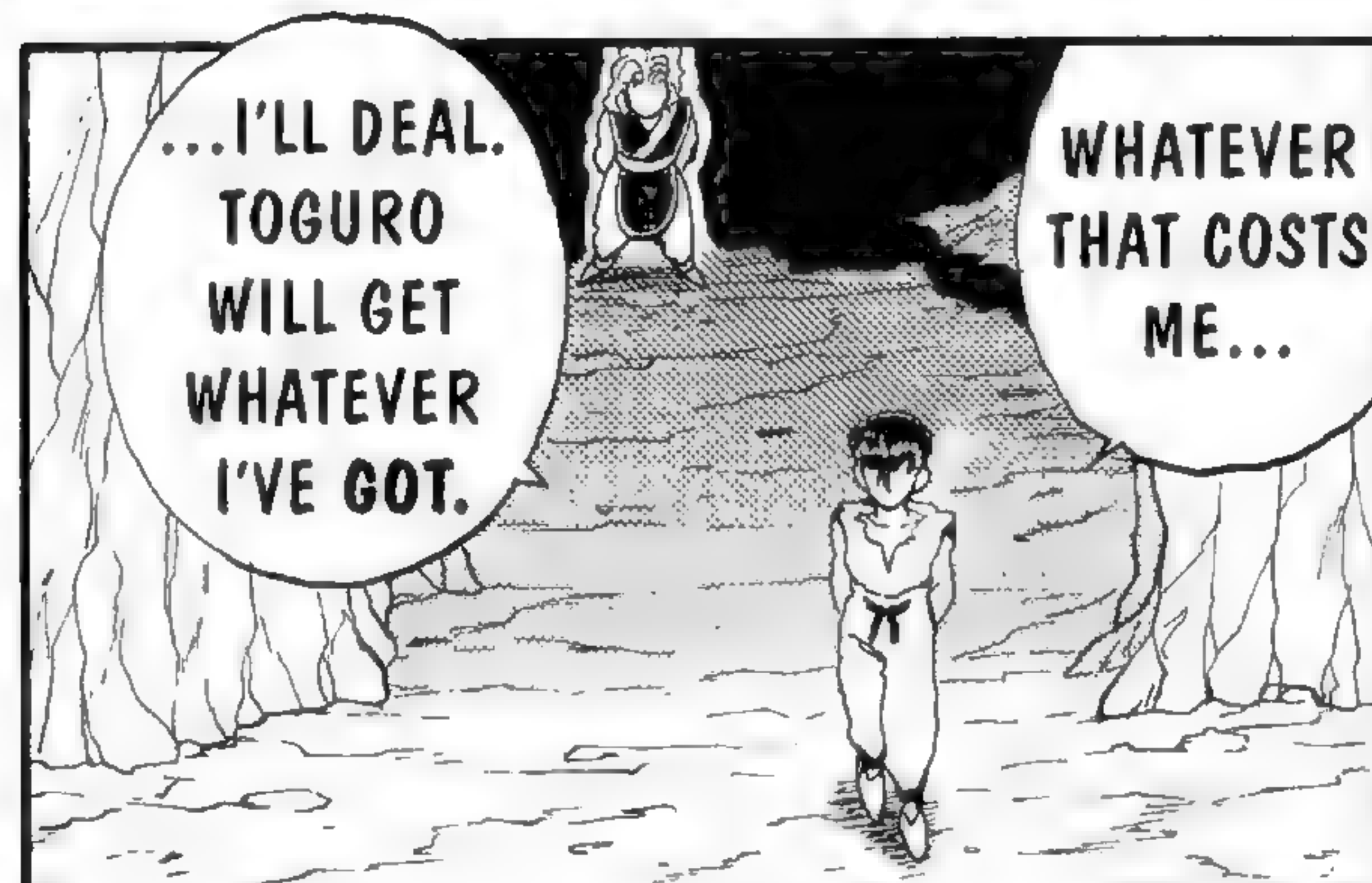
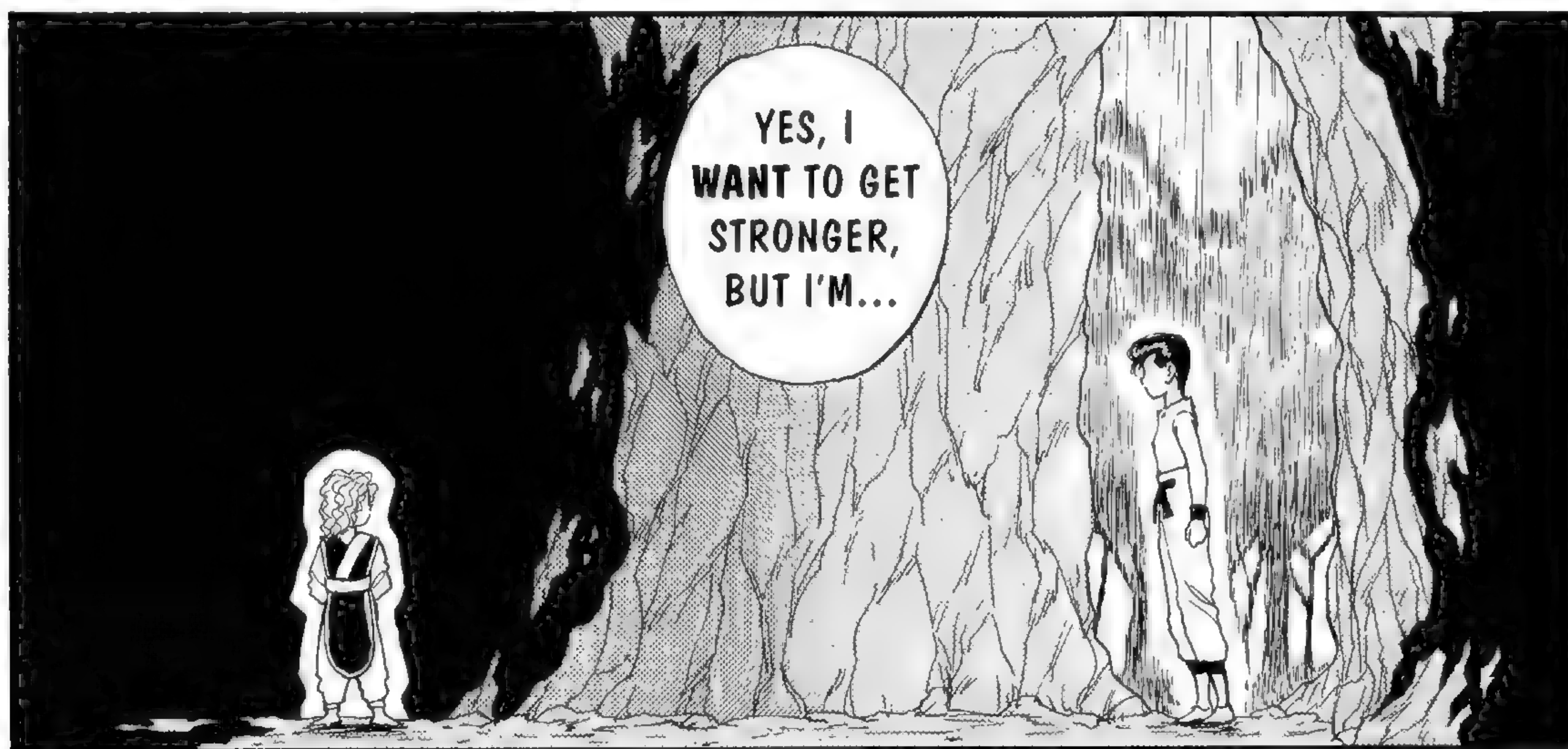


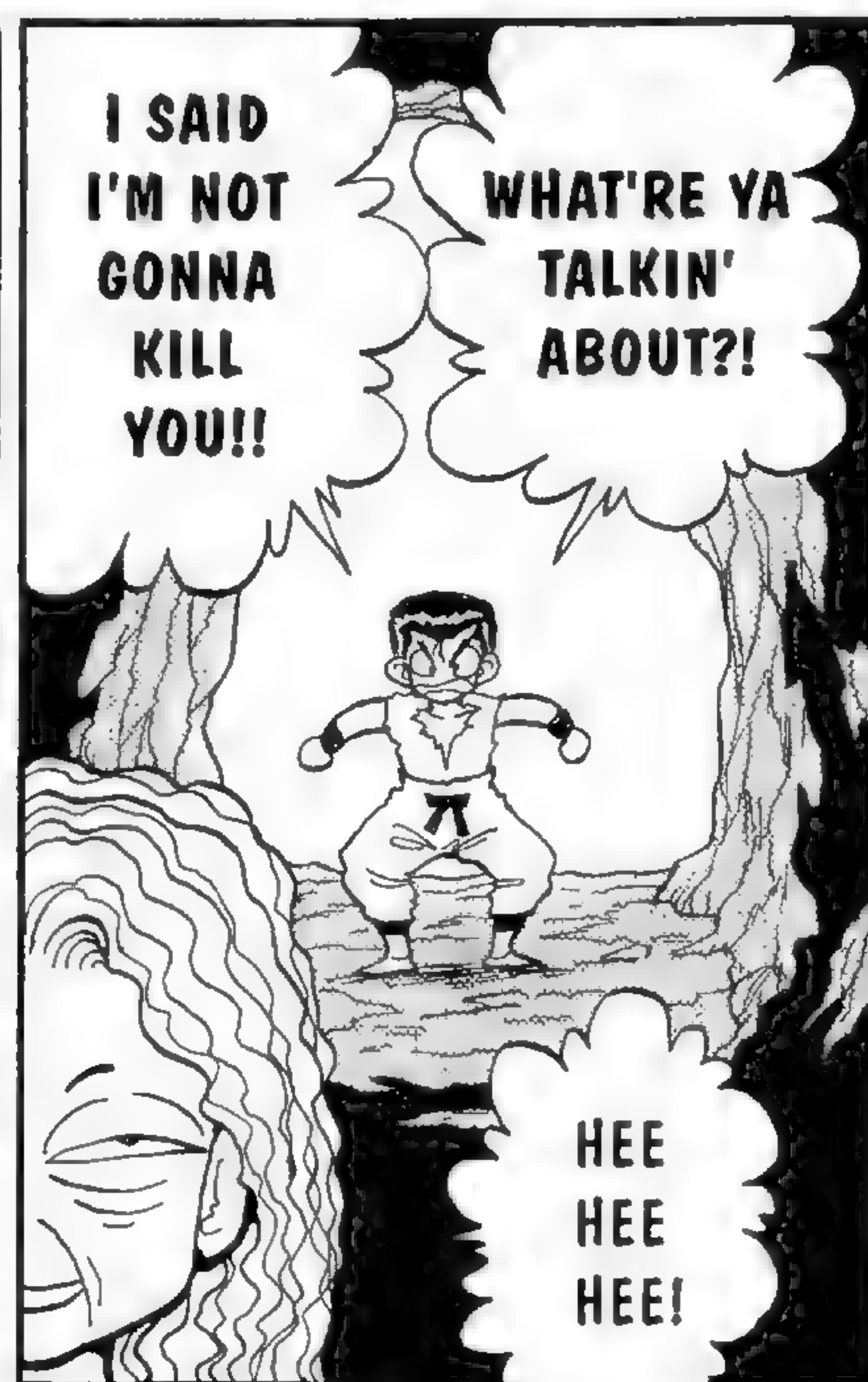
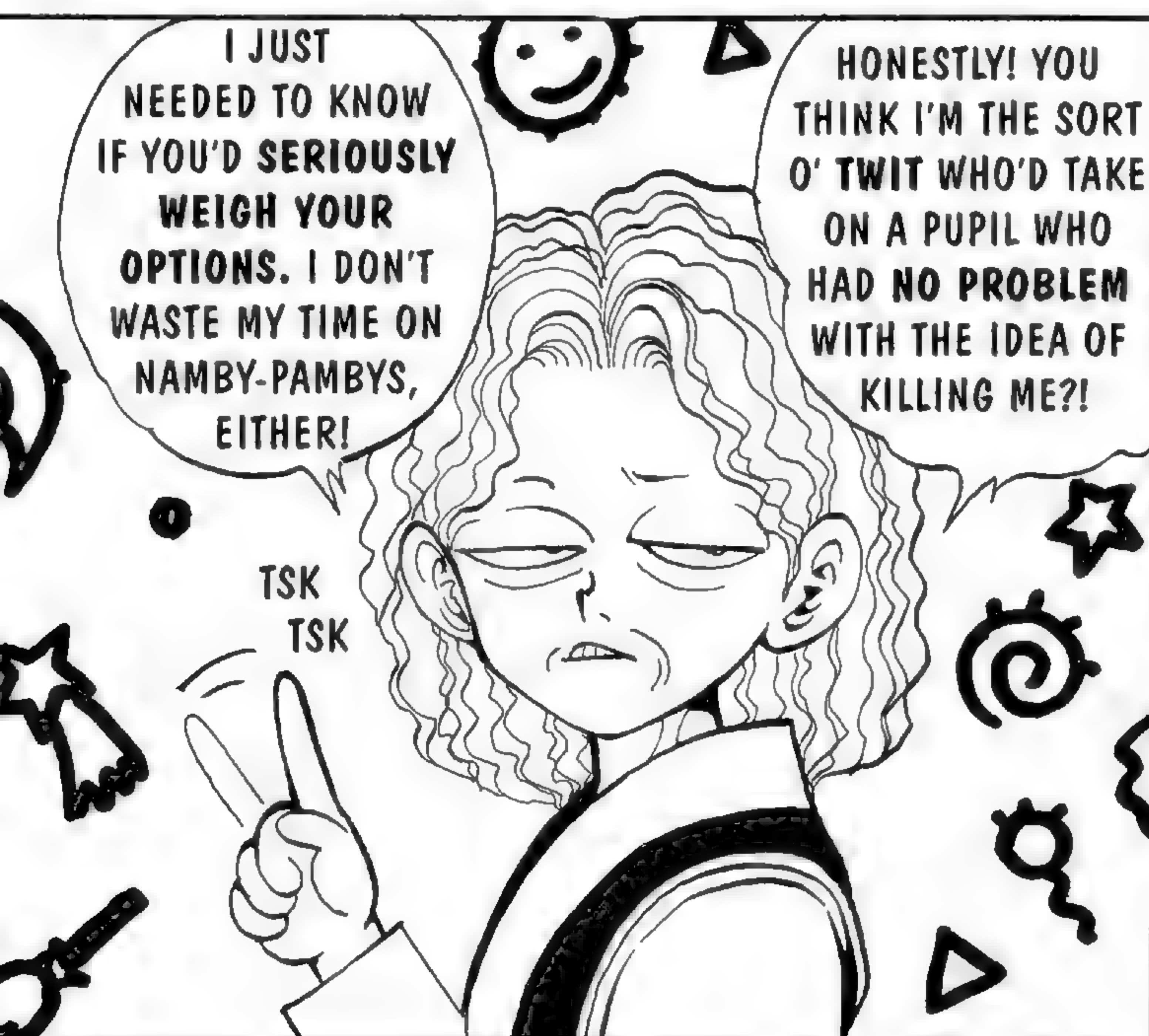
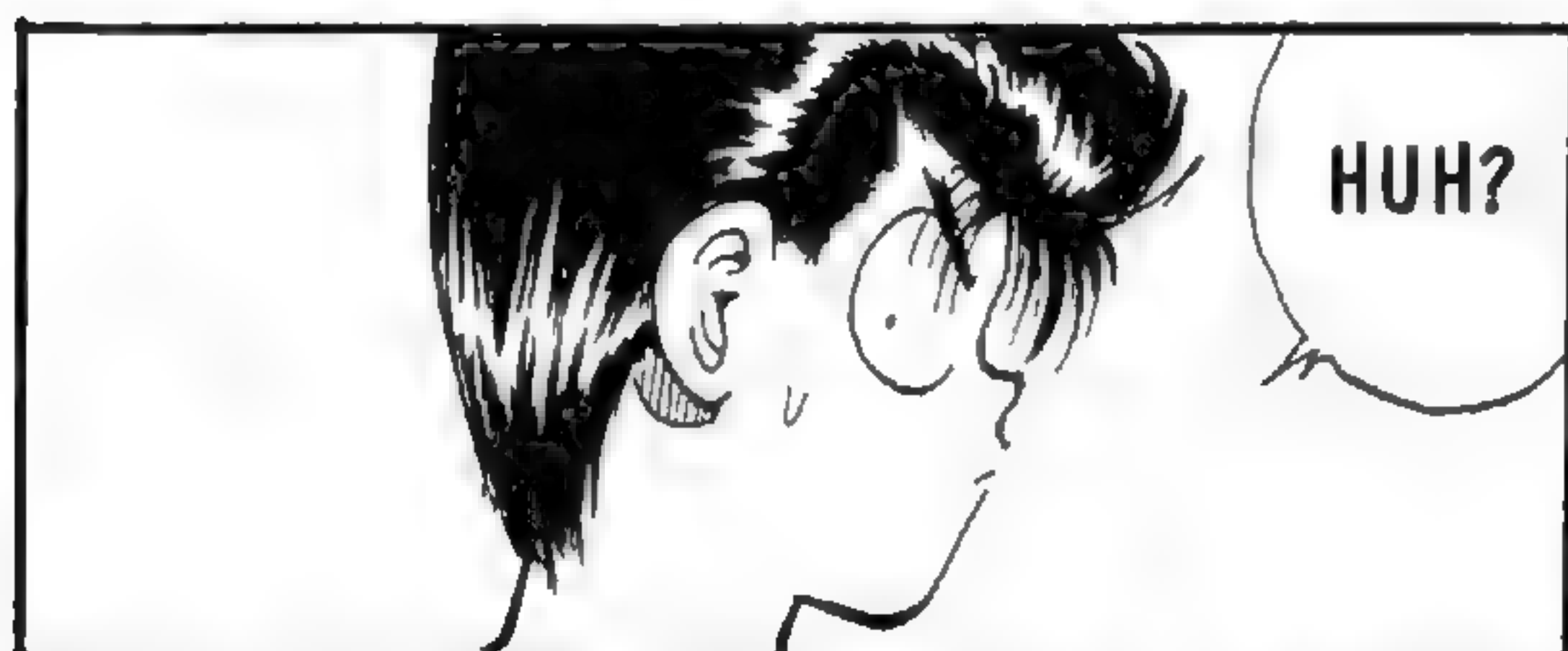
GENKAI
...

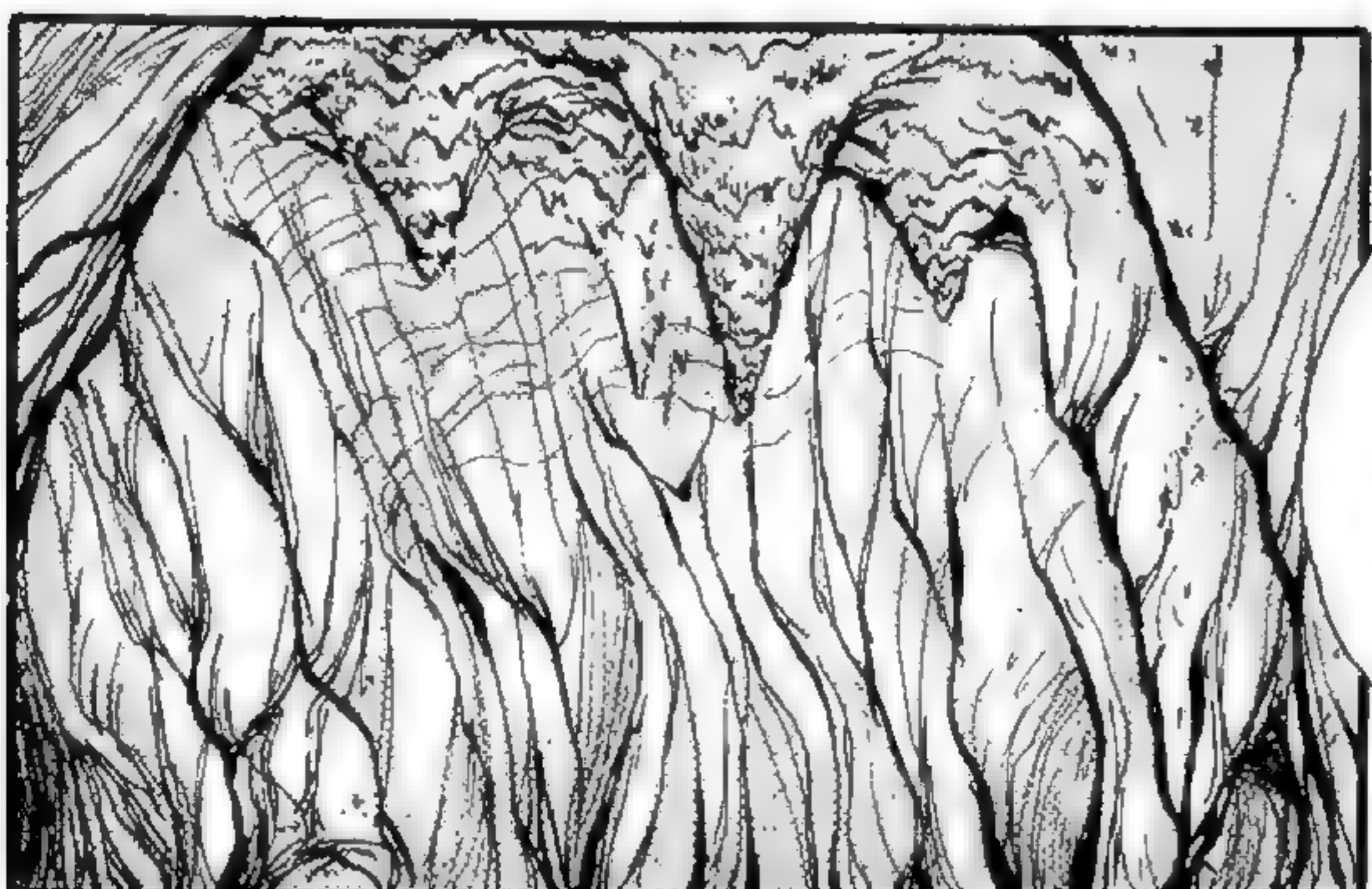


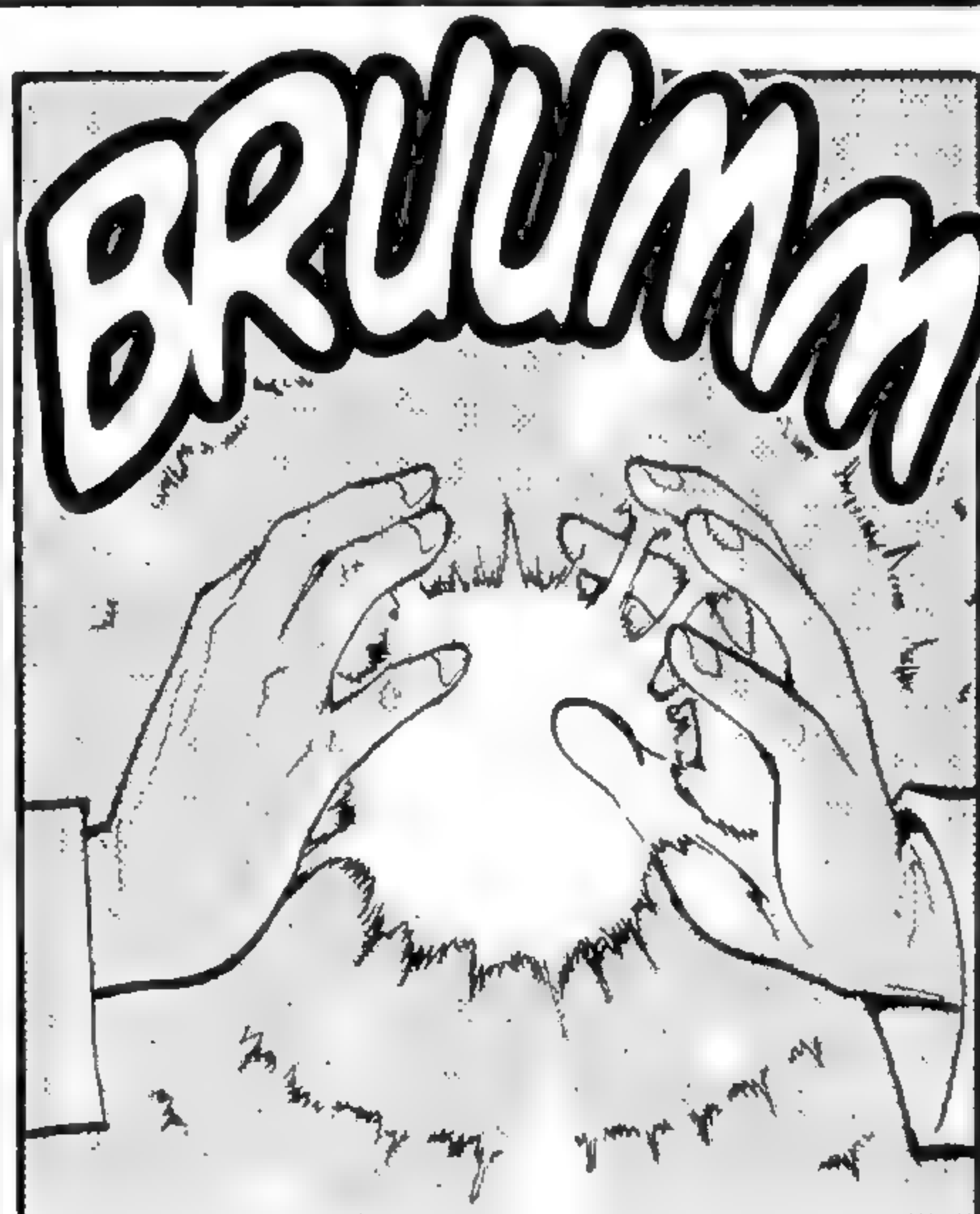
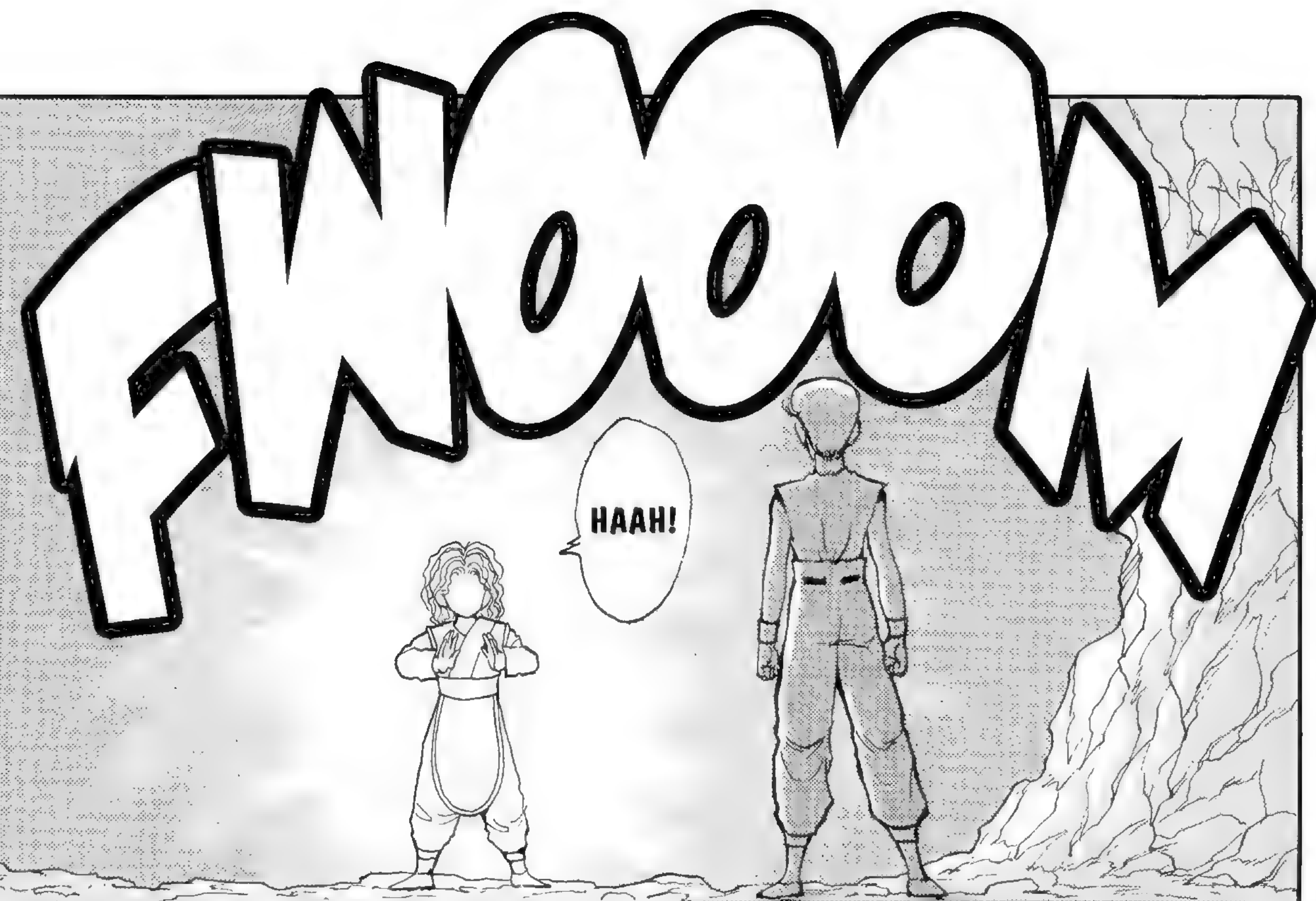
...I CAN'T
DO IT.

...I
CAN'T...





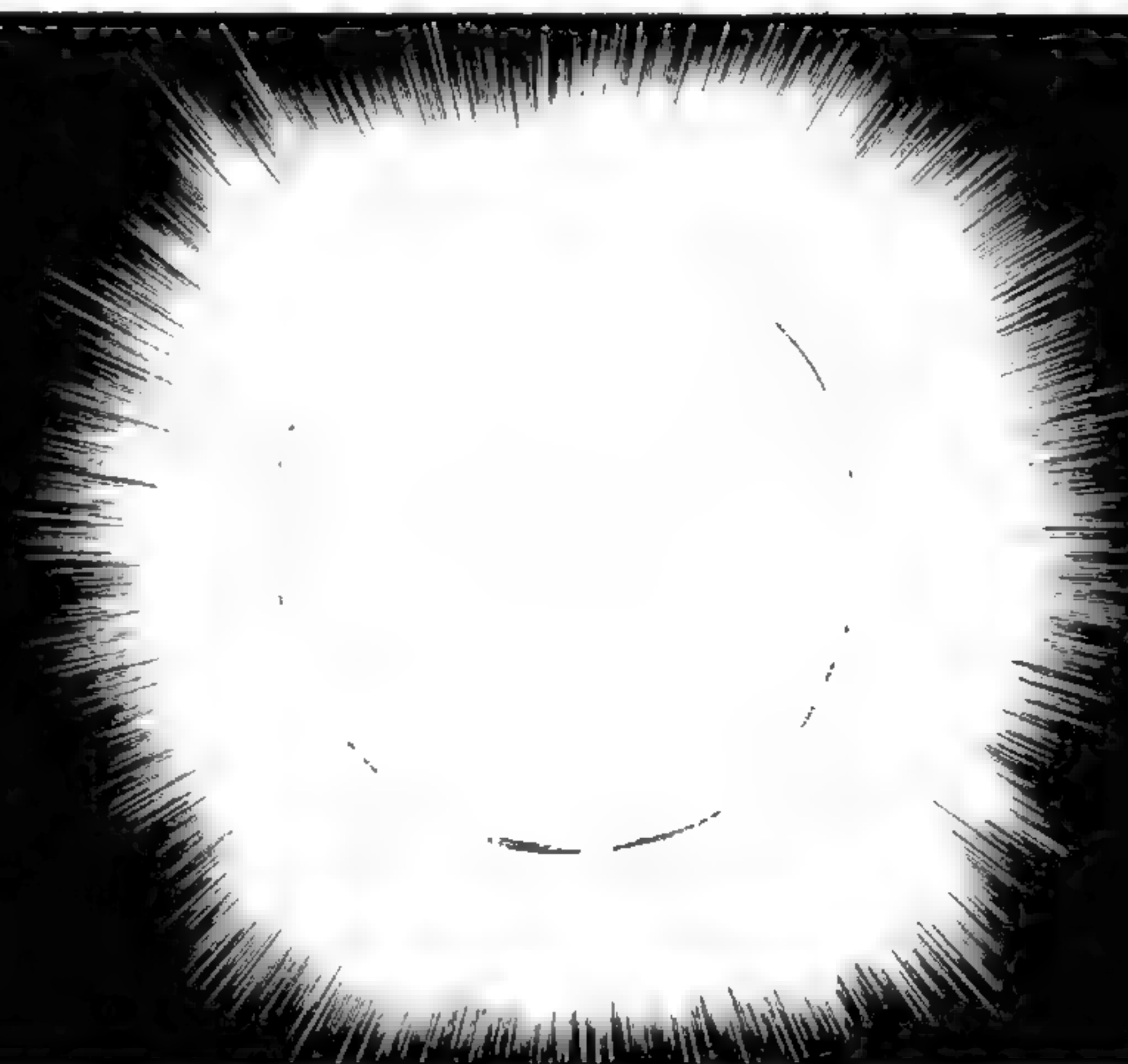






**THIS
IS A
SPIRIT
ORB...**

**IF YOU CAN ACCEPT
THIS ENERGY—
EQUIVALENT TO
A TINY SUN—
INTO YOUR BODY,
AND NOT BE
INCINERATED IN THE
PROCESS, THEN
YOU WILL HAVE
PASSED THE TEST.**



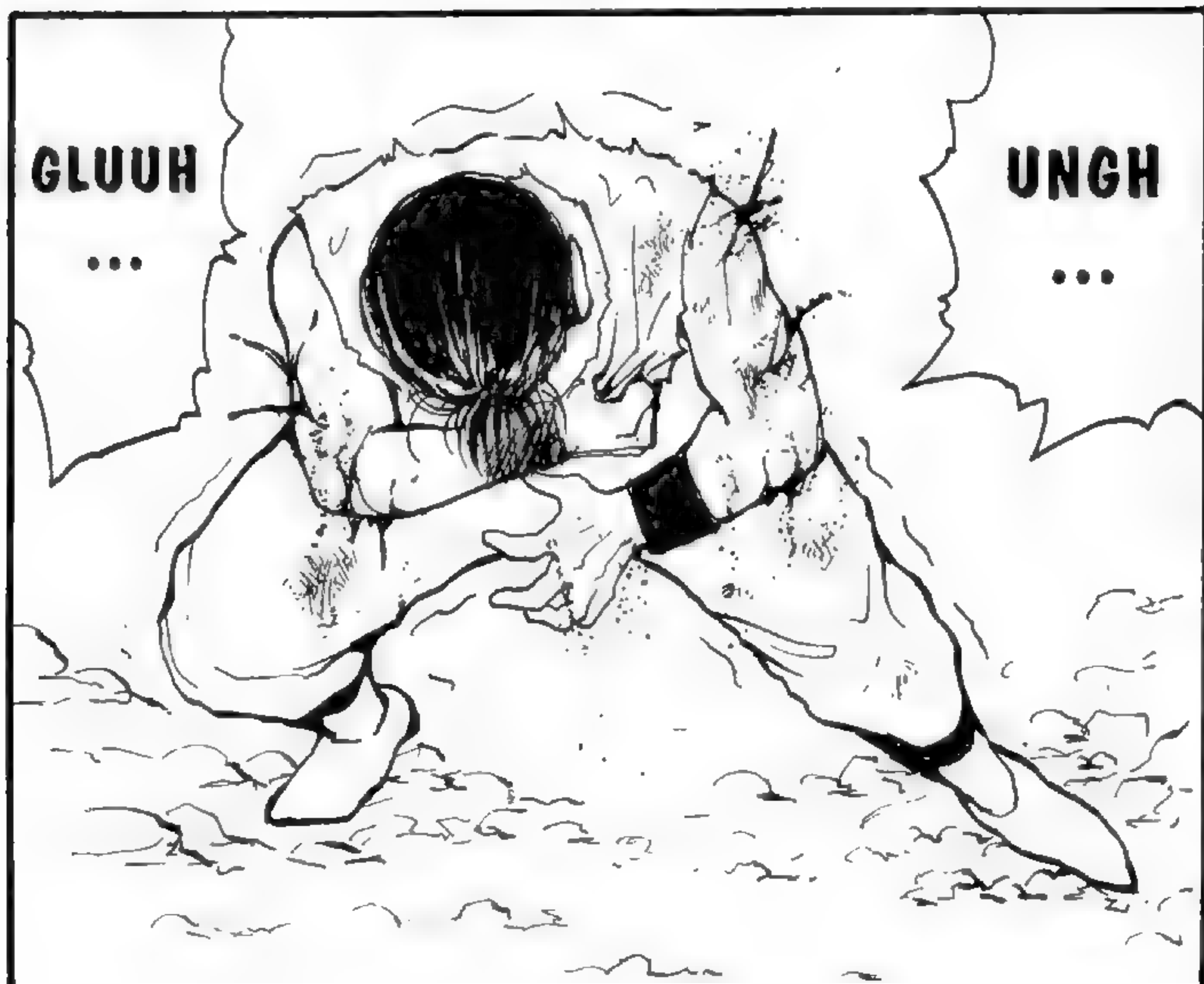
**...A BALL OF
VAST ENERGY
COMPRESSED
INTO A TINY
VOLUME. IT
WILL TEST YOU,
PHYSICALLY AND
MENTALLY, TO
DETERMINE IF
YOU CAN
SUCCEED ME.**

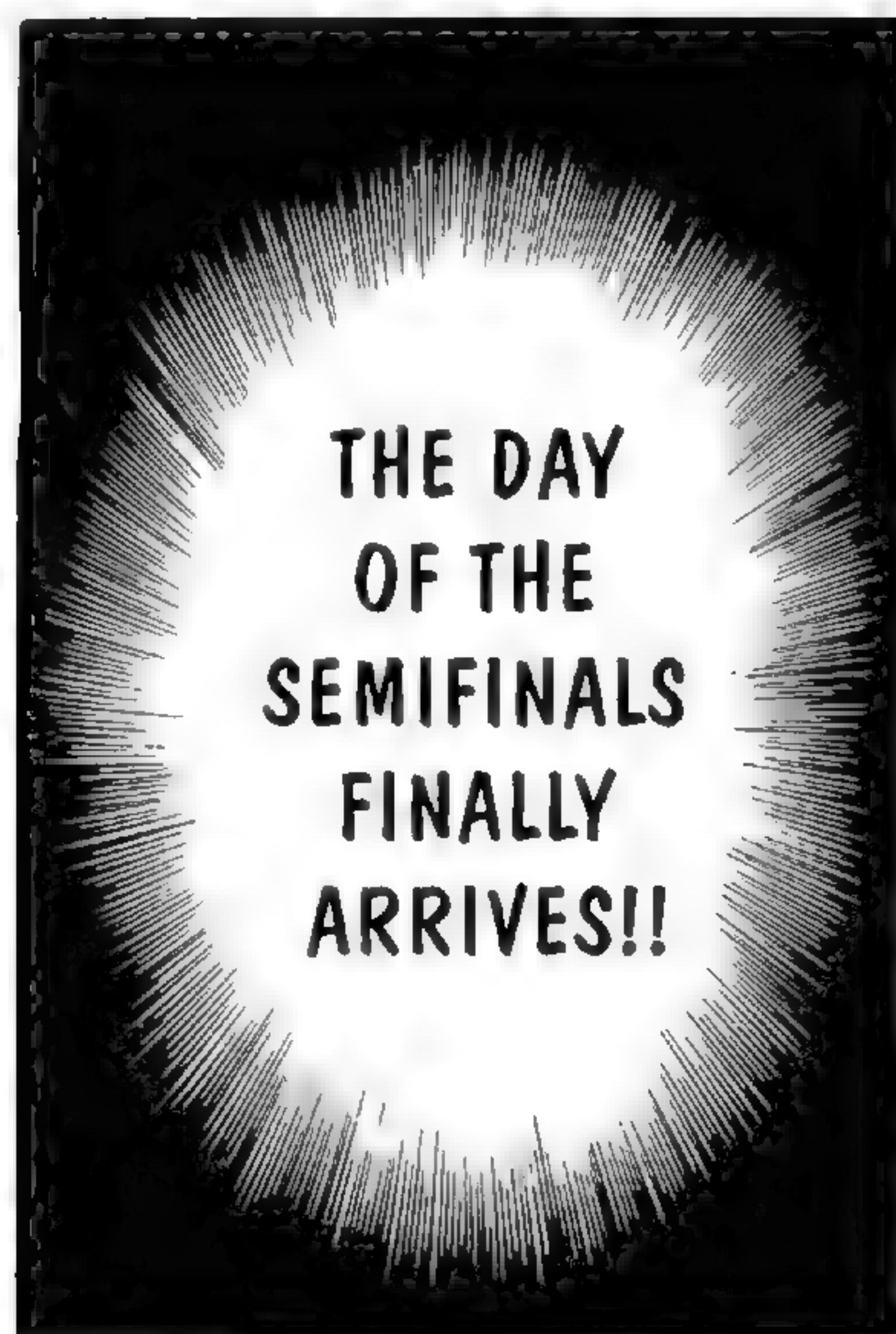
**YOU RISK ALL
SORTS OF GRIEVOUS,
PERMANENT INJURIES,
NOT TO MENTION THE
LIKELIHOOD OF A
HORRIBLE DEATH.**



**THE
EXPERIENCE
WON'T BE
UNPLEASANT...
IT WILL BE
UNBEARABLE!**

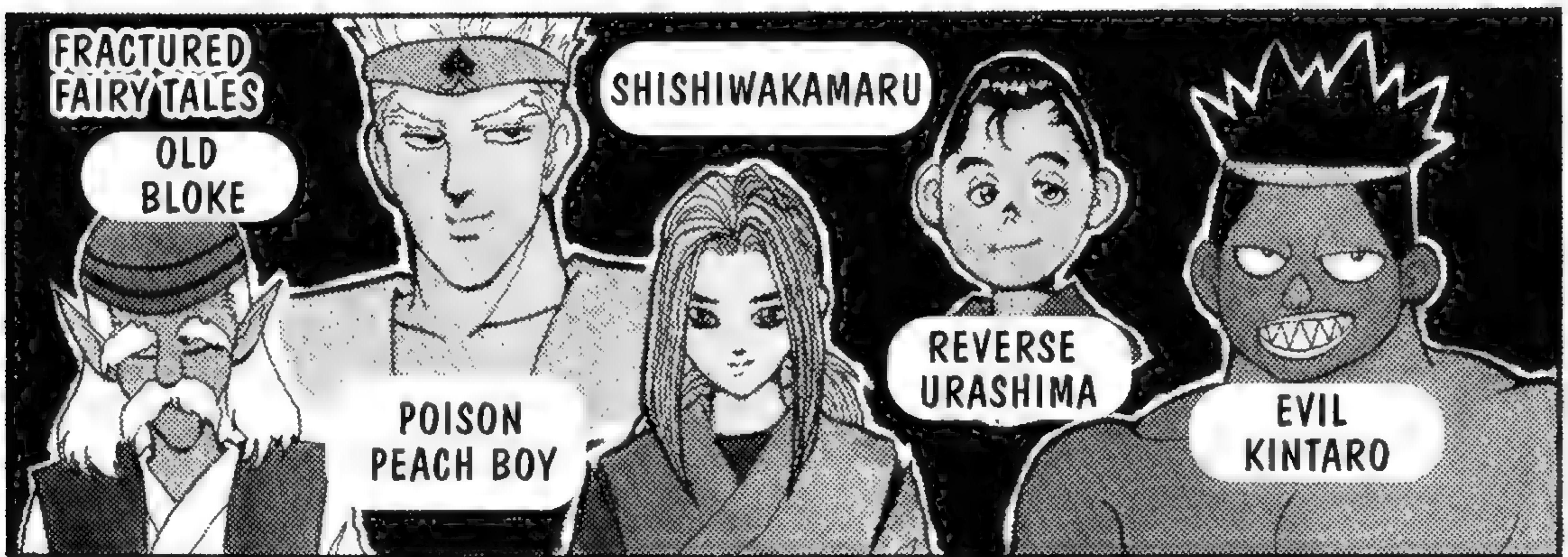
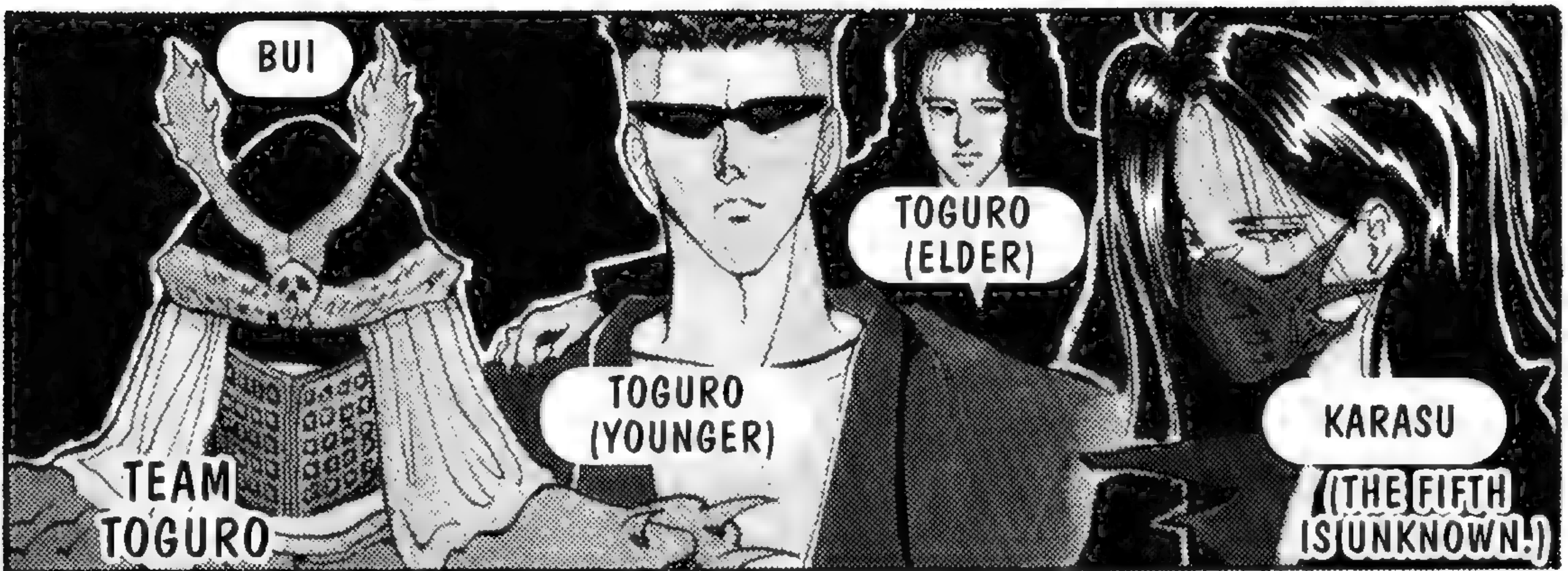
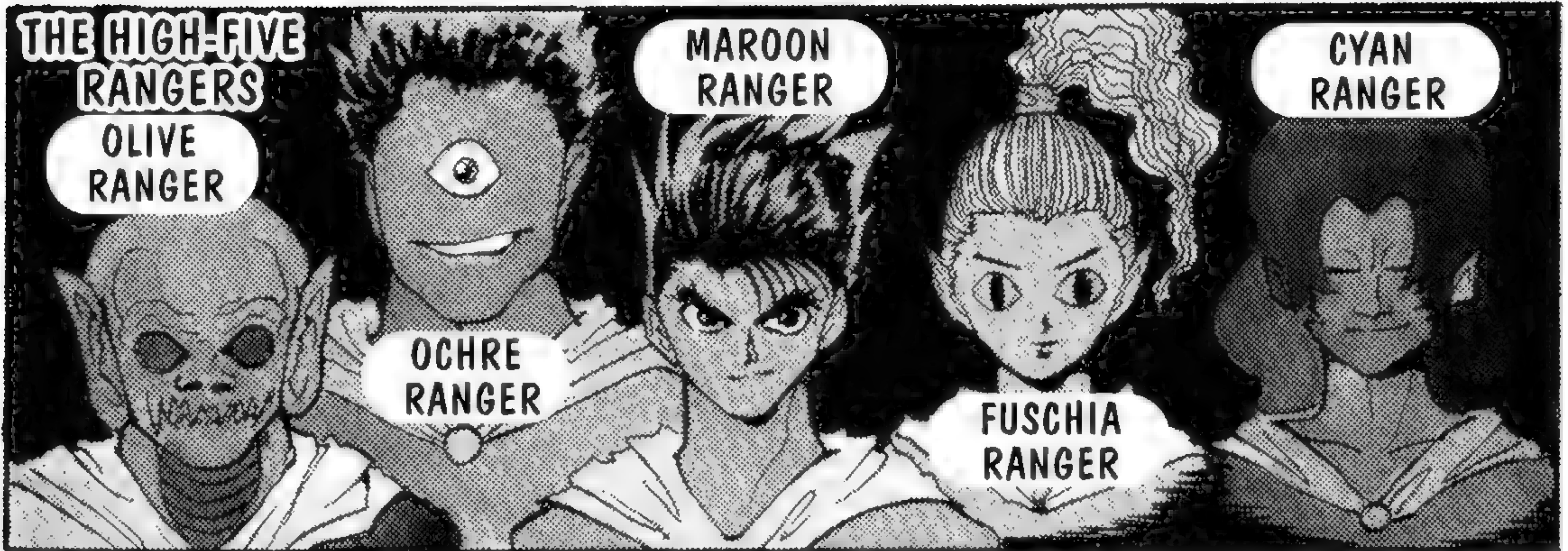






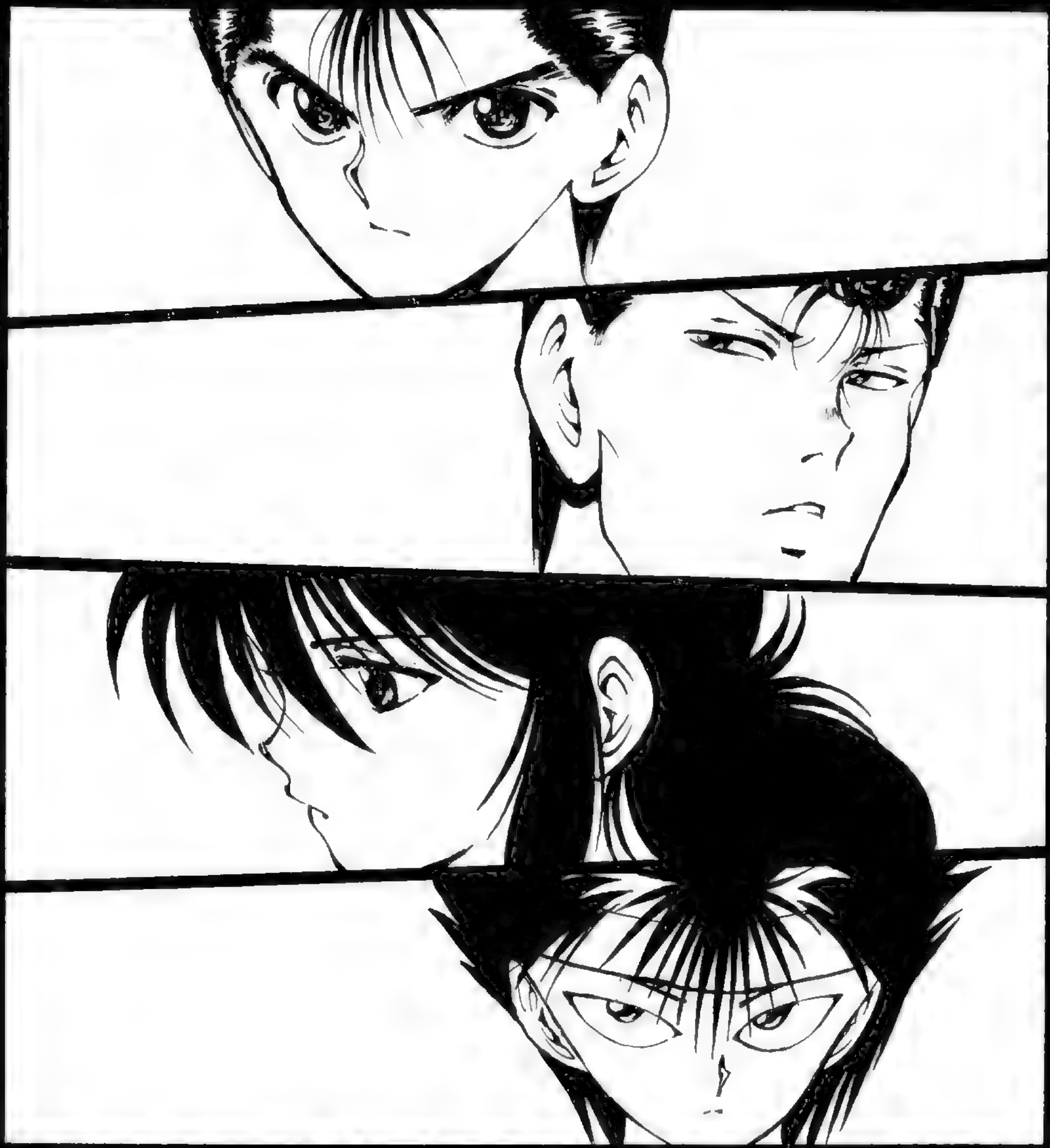


THE TOP FOUR!!





THE TOP FOUR!!

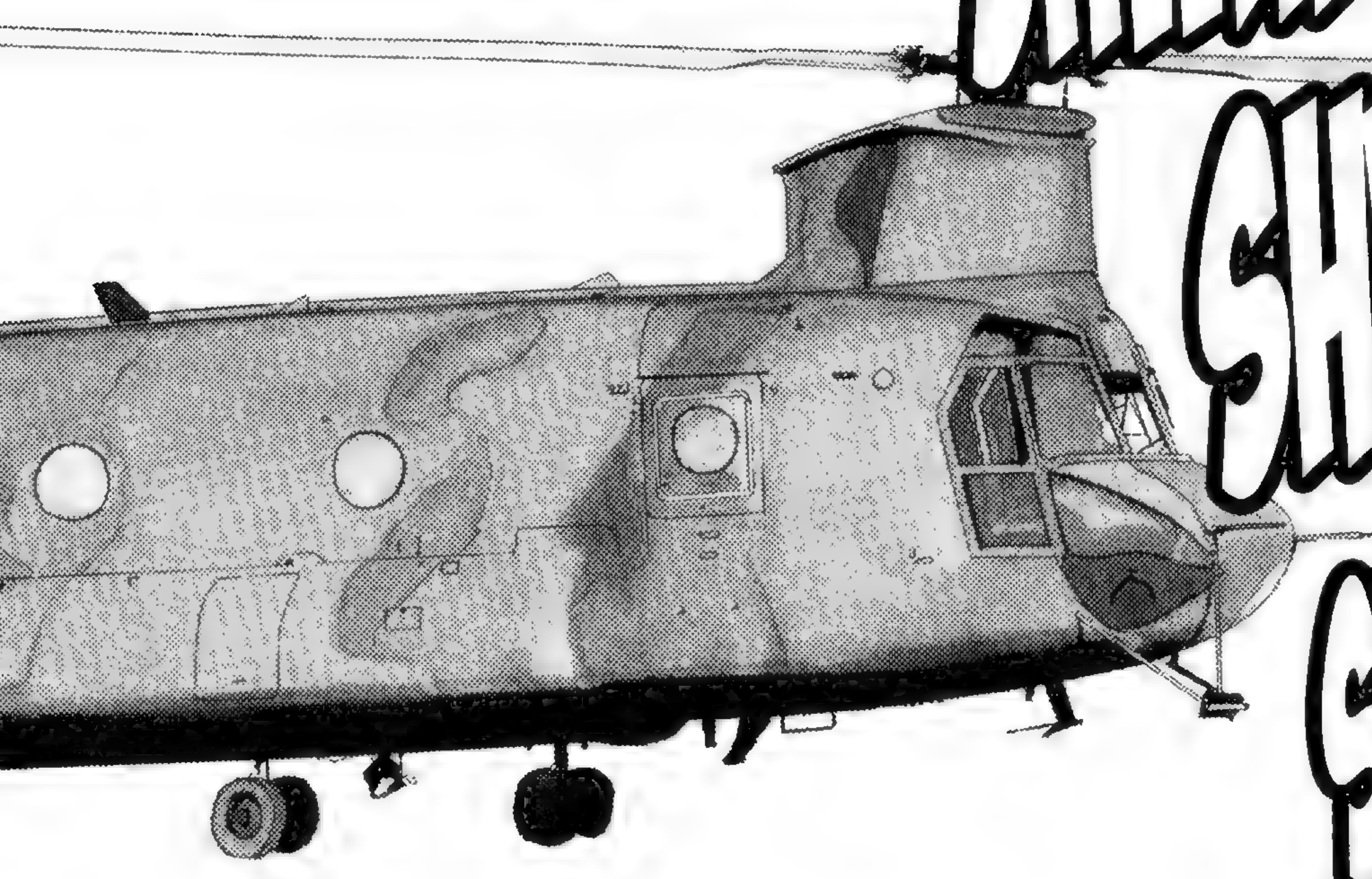


YUYU HAKUSHO





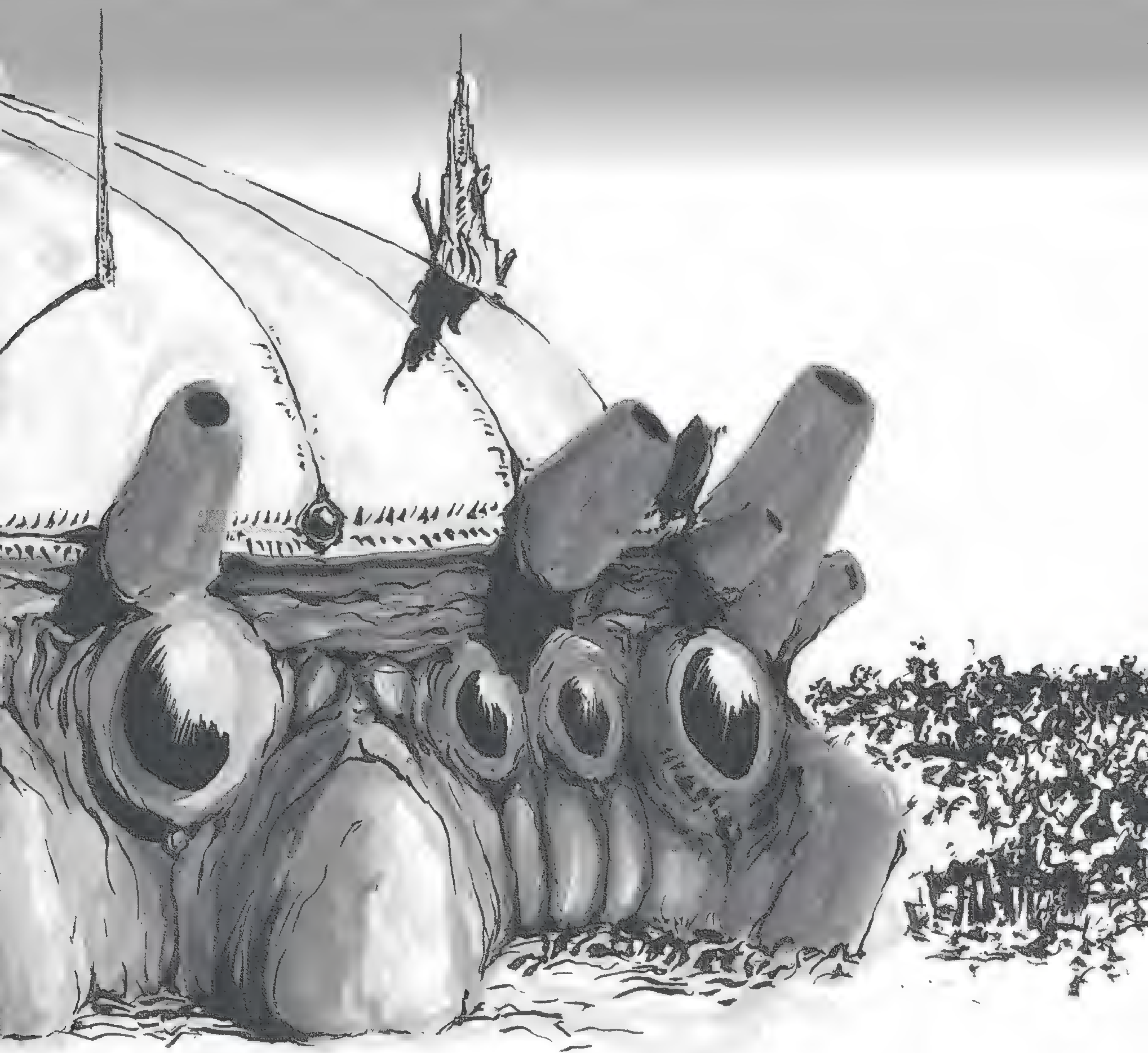
BOOM

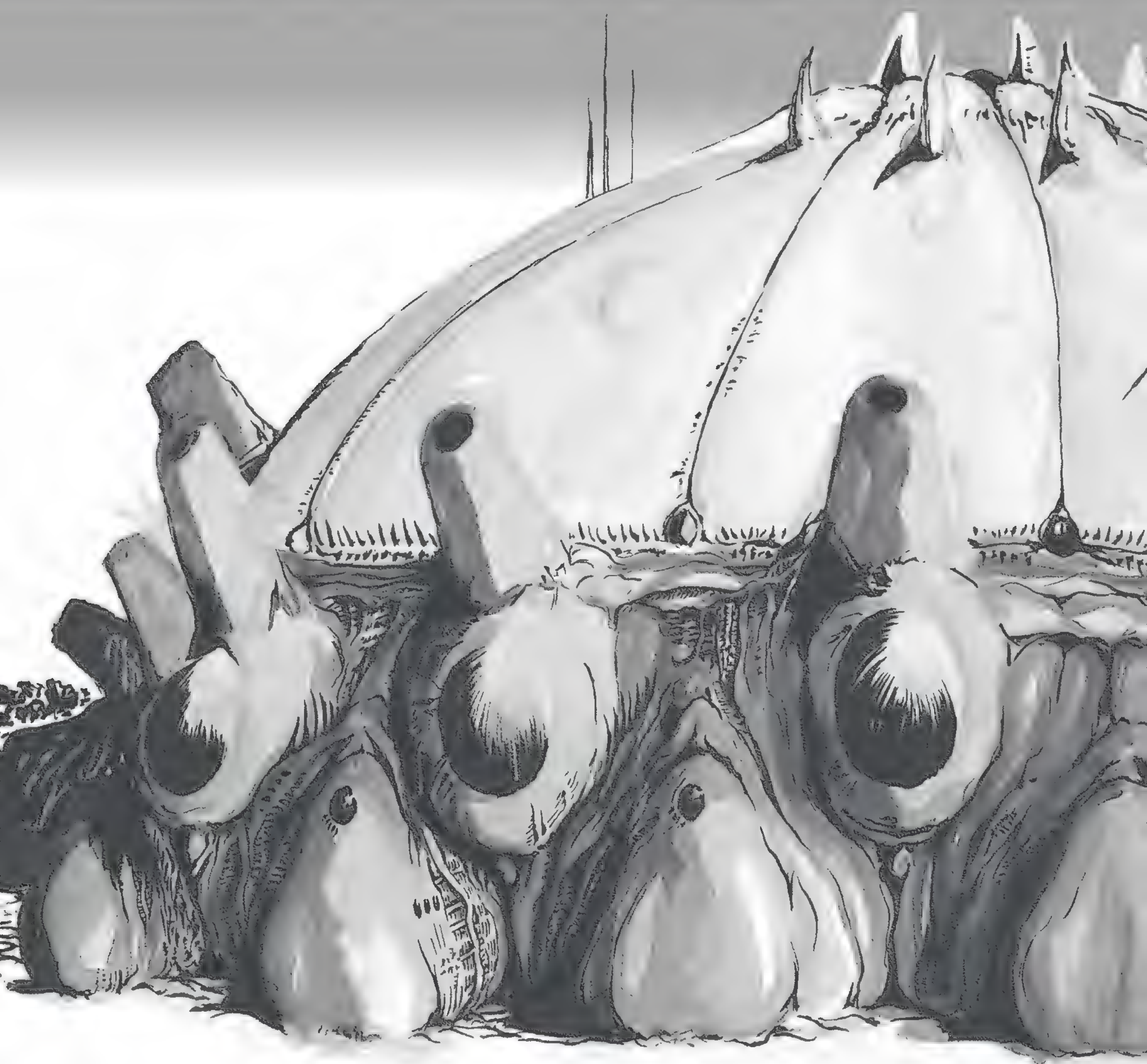


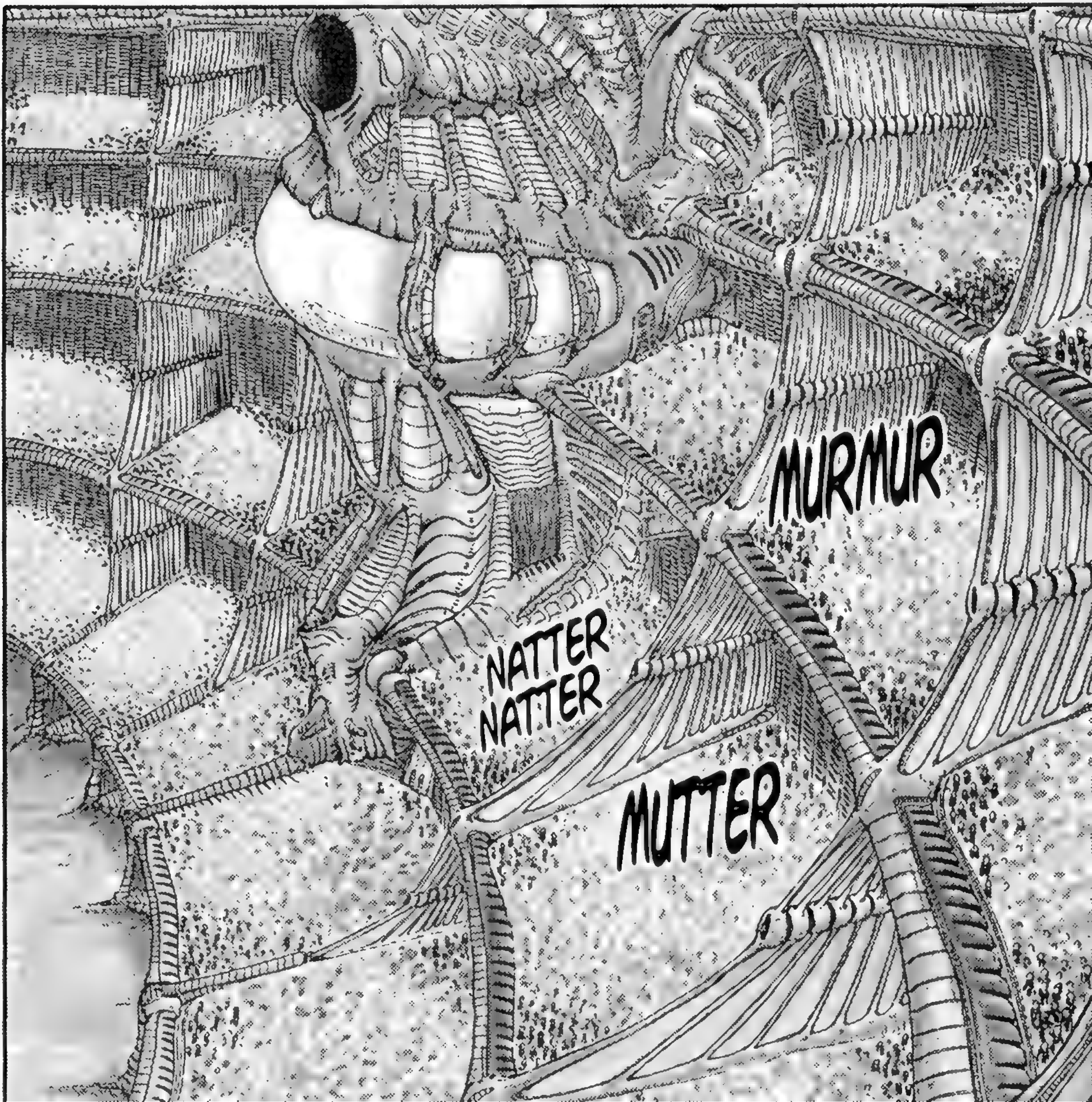
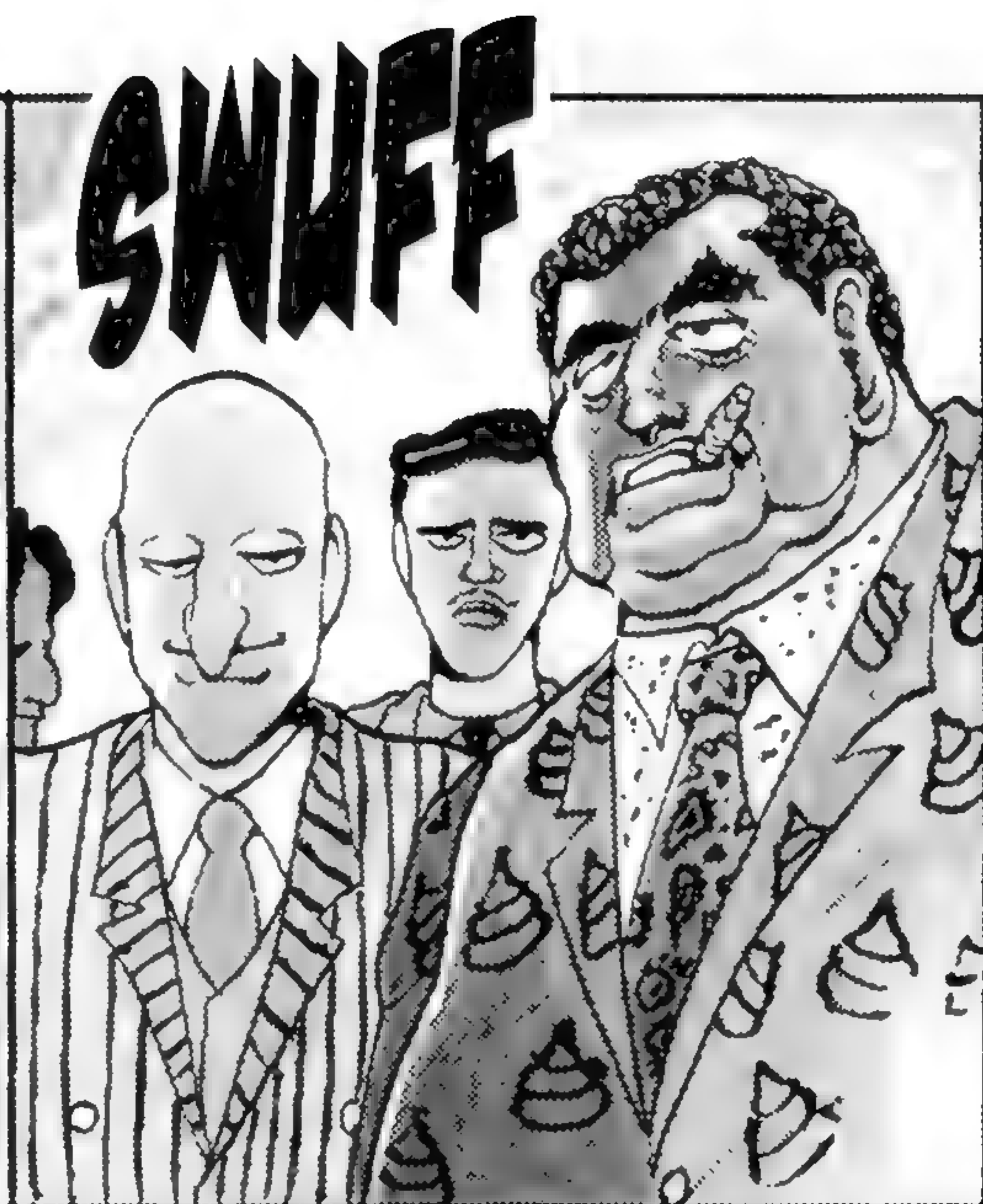
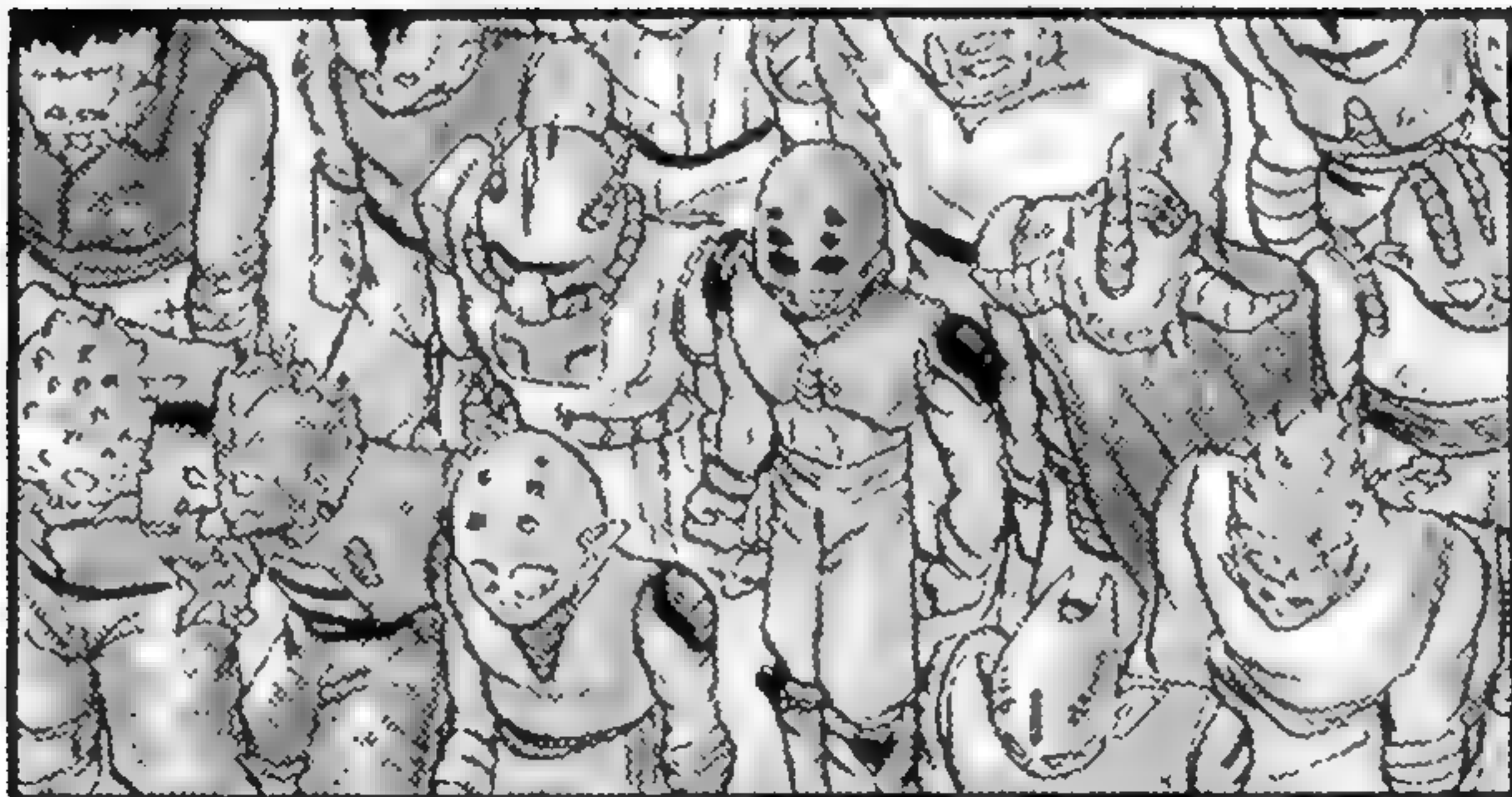
SHWUP

SHWUP

SHWUP







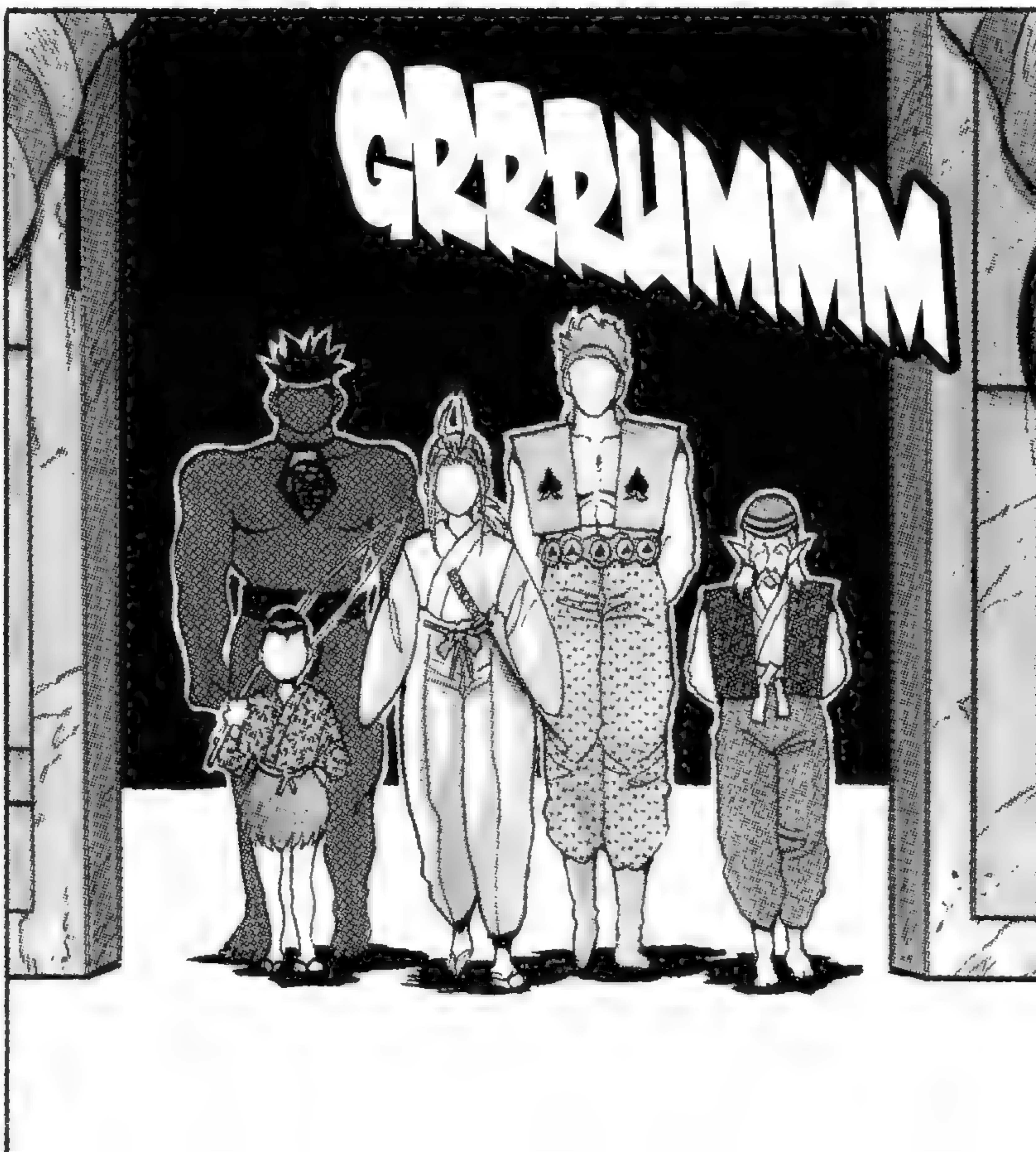


I'M JURI,
YOUR SEMIFINALS
REFEREE! THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
PATIENCE!

PLEASE
GIVE A WARM
WELCOME TO
THE TEAMS
FOR THE FIRST
MATCH!

...AND I'LL BE
BRINGING YOU
THE PLAY-BY-PLAY,
MOMENT BY
MOMENT!!

AND
WE'RE OFF!
THIS IS
KOTO...



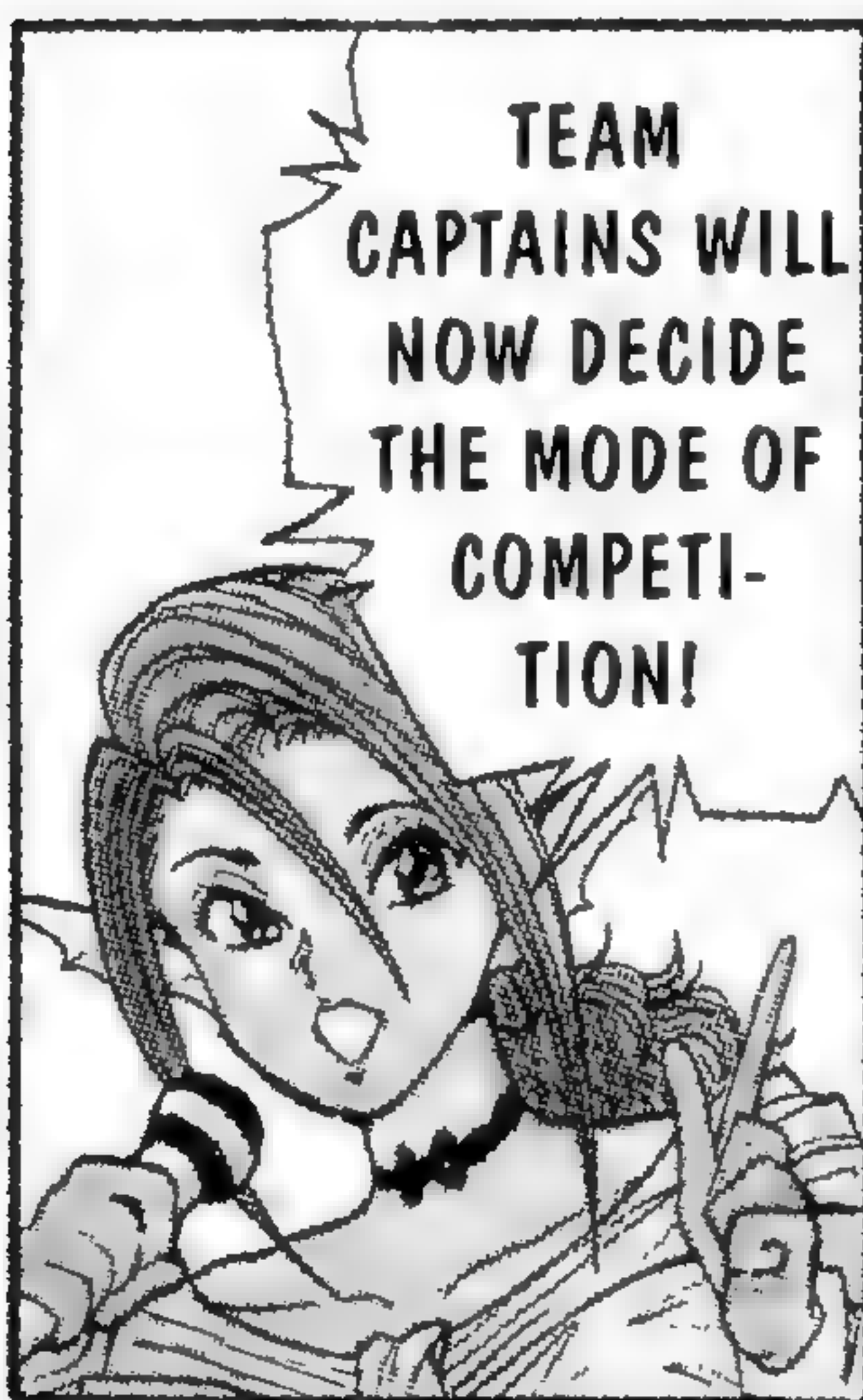


BET
THEY TURNED
YELLA
AND RAN
OFF!!

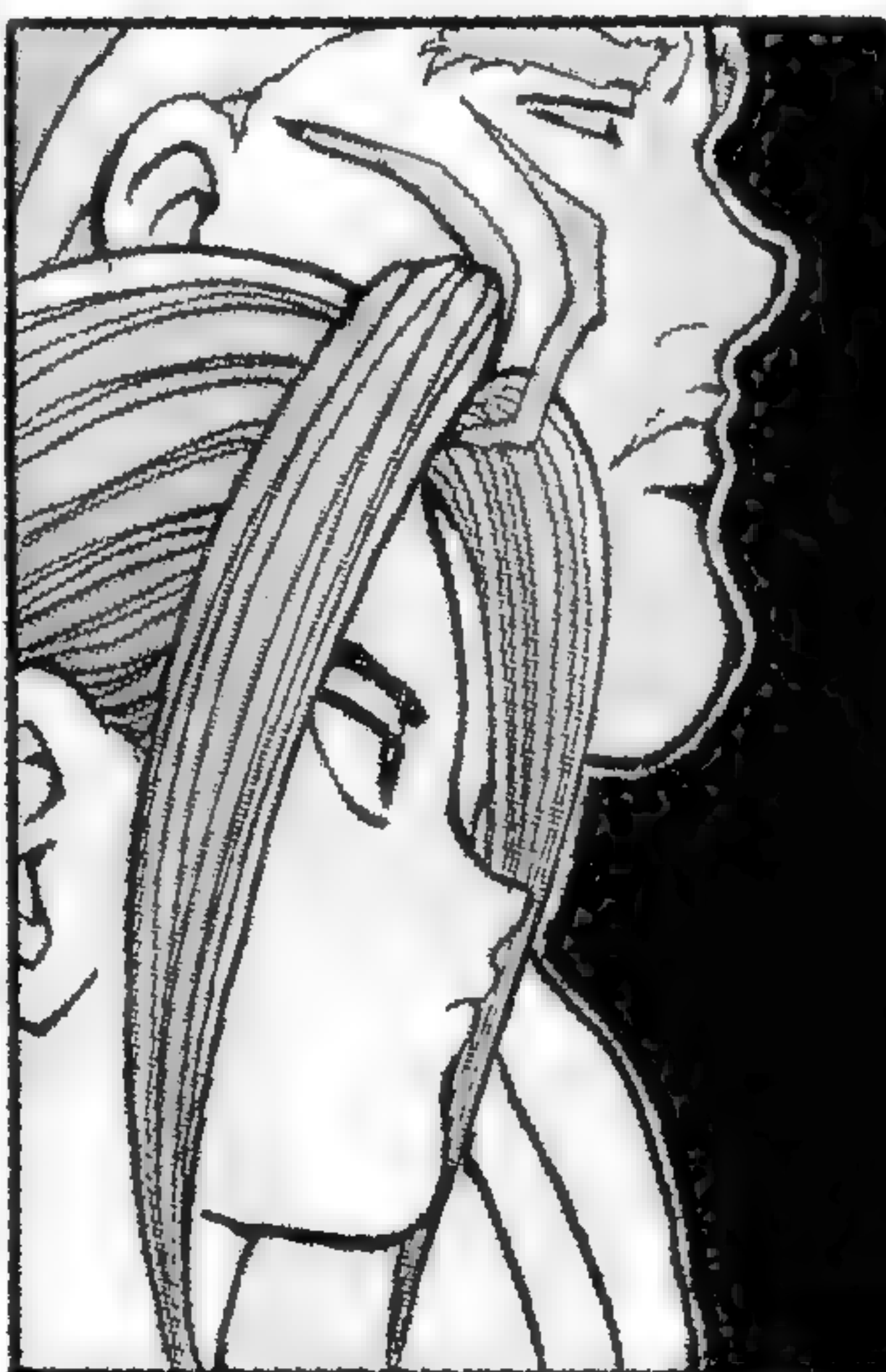
WHAT'S
THIS? TEAM
URAMESHI'S
DOWN BY
TWO!



THEY
ALL RIGHT?
DID THEY...
HEH HEH...
GET COLD
FEET?



TEAM
CAPTAINS WILL
NOW DECIDE
THE MODE OF
COMPETI-
TION!



YOU'RE
JUST NOT
WORTH
THEIR
TROUBLE.



CHEW

LET'S
JUST DO
IT.



WHY
BOTHER?



WANNA
BE FIRST
UP?

FEELIN'
FEISTY, EH,
KID?



NORMALLY
I WOULDN'T
BOTHER
WITH YOUR
SORT...

FIRST...
AND
LAST?



...AND I
NEED TO
WORK OFF
SOME
STRESS.

...BUT I'VE
BEEN IN A
REAL BAD
MOOD
LATELY...



POP

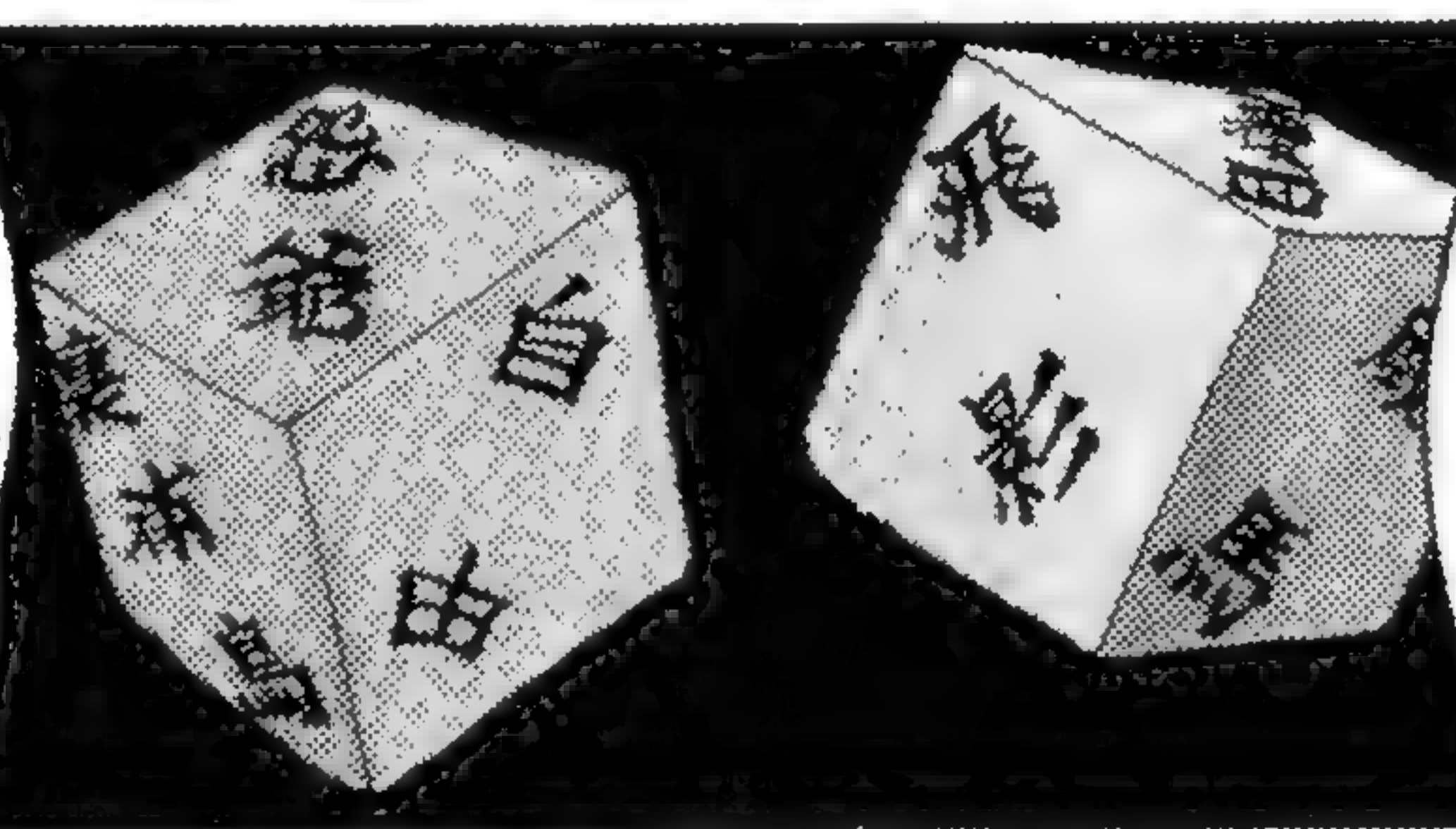


WE
CAN LET
THESE
DECIDE.

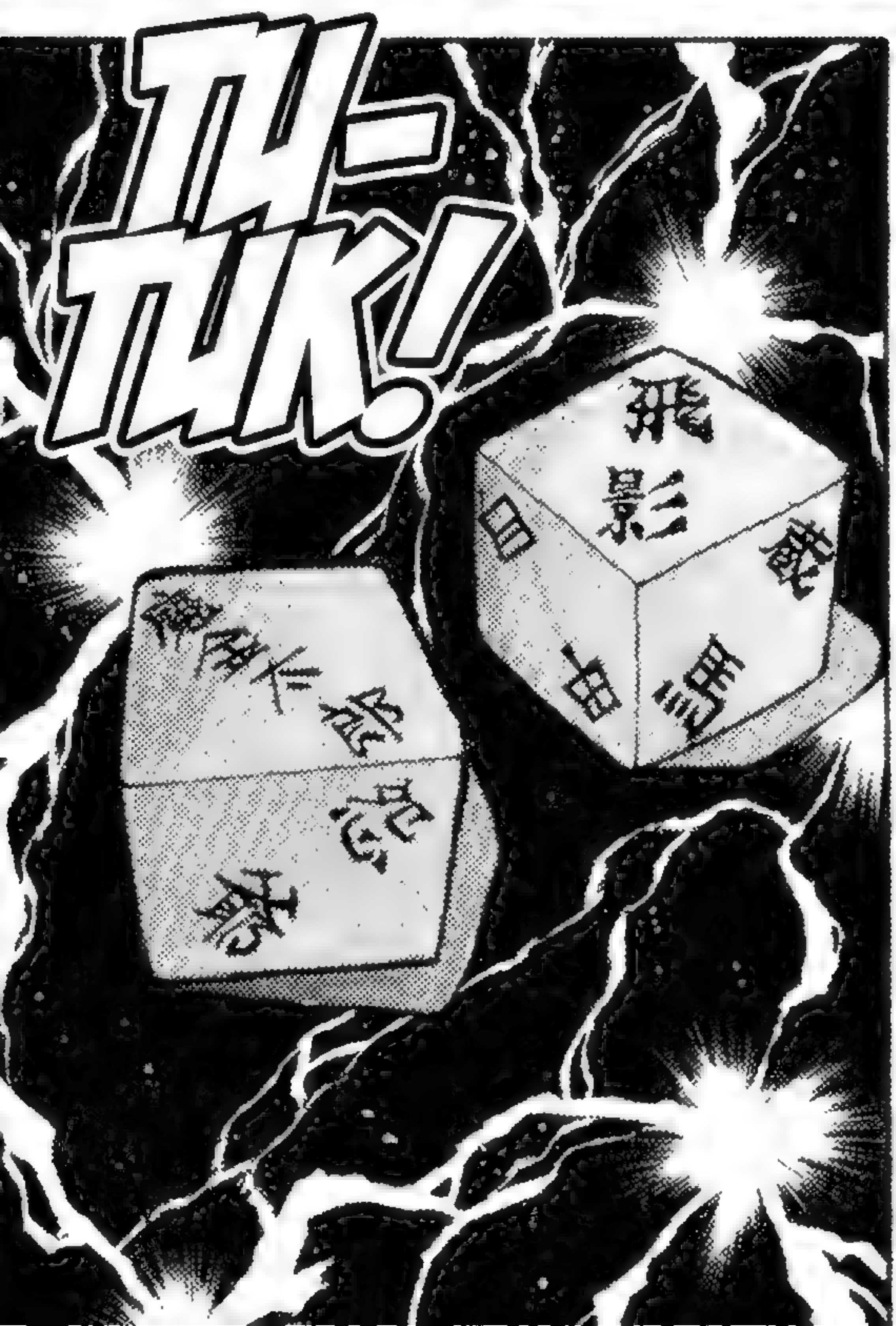
HEH...
COOL
DOWN,
BUD.



...PICK THEIR
CONTENDER. AND YOU
CAN FIGHT AS OFTEN AS
YOUR NAME COMES UP—
AS LONG AS YOU'RE
STILL BREATHING,
THAT IS.



I'VE PUT OUR
NAMES ON THESE
DICE, ALONG WITH
"CHOICE." IF THAT
COMES UP, YOUR
TEAM GETS TO...



NO FAME IN
WINNING
BY DEFAULT,
THAT'S FOR
SURE.

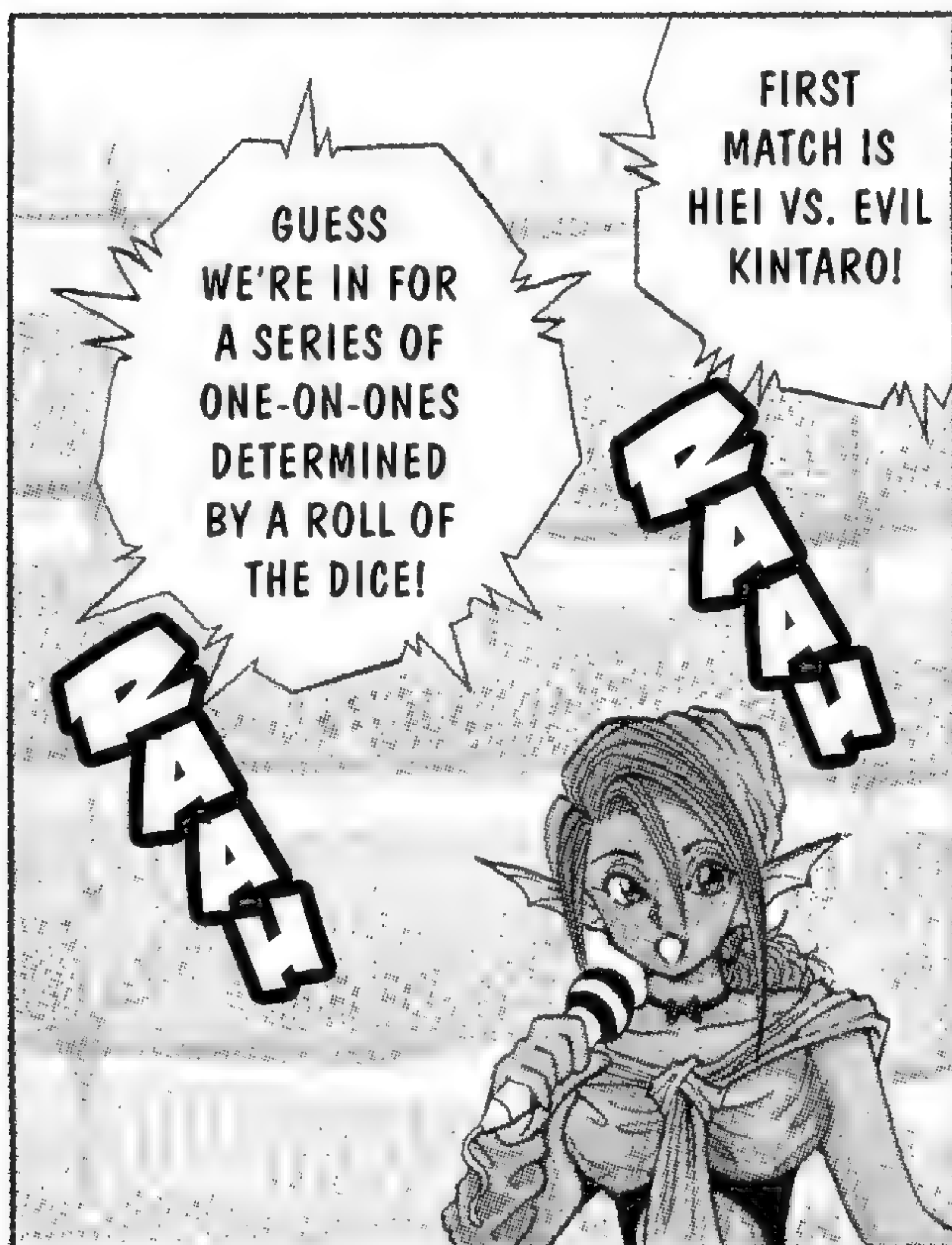
AS
YOU
LIKE.



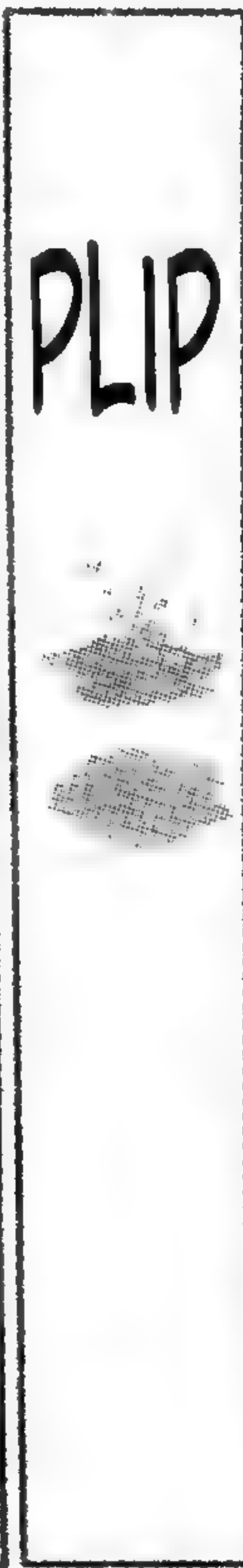
I'LL FILL IN
FOR YUSUKE
AND MASK,
OF COURSE.

FINE,
WHATEVER.

OOPS! I WROTE THE NAMES
AT THE WRONG ANGLE.

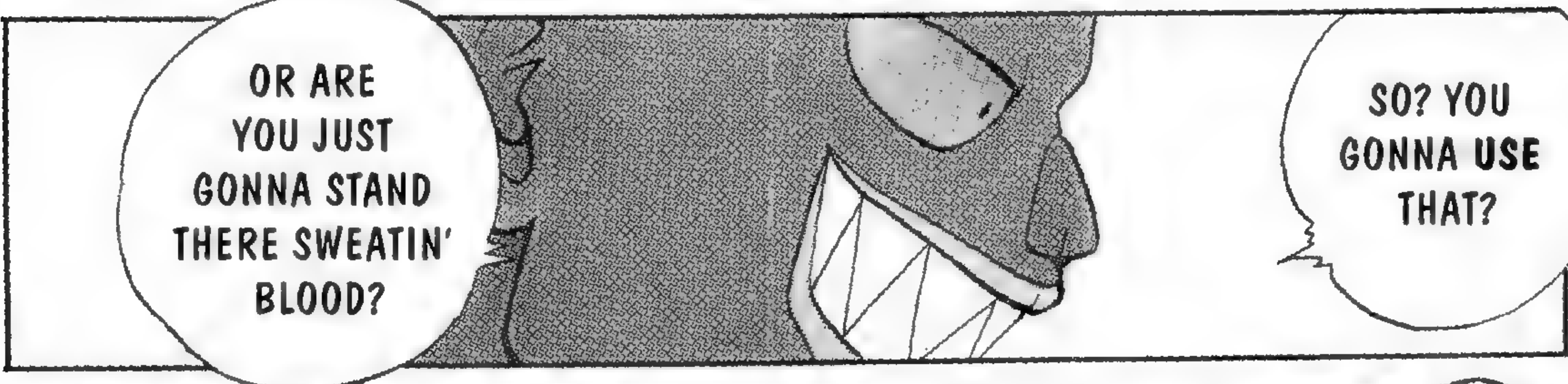






SO MUCH FOR THAT.

?



OR ARE YOU JUST GONNA STAND THERE SWEATIN' BLOOD?

SO? YOU GONNA USE THAT?



NOTICED WHAT? YOUR LACK OF ACTION?

C'MON, AT LEAST GIVE IT A TRY!!



HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED YET?

GIVE ME A BREAK.



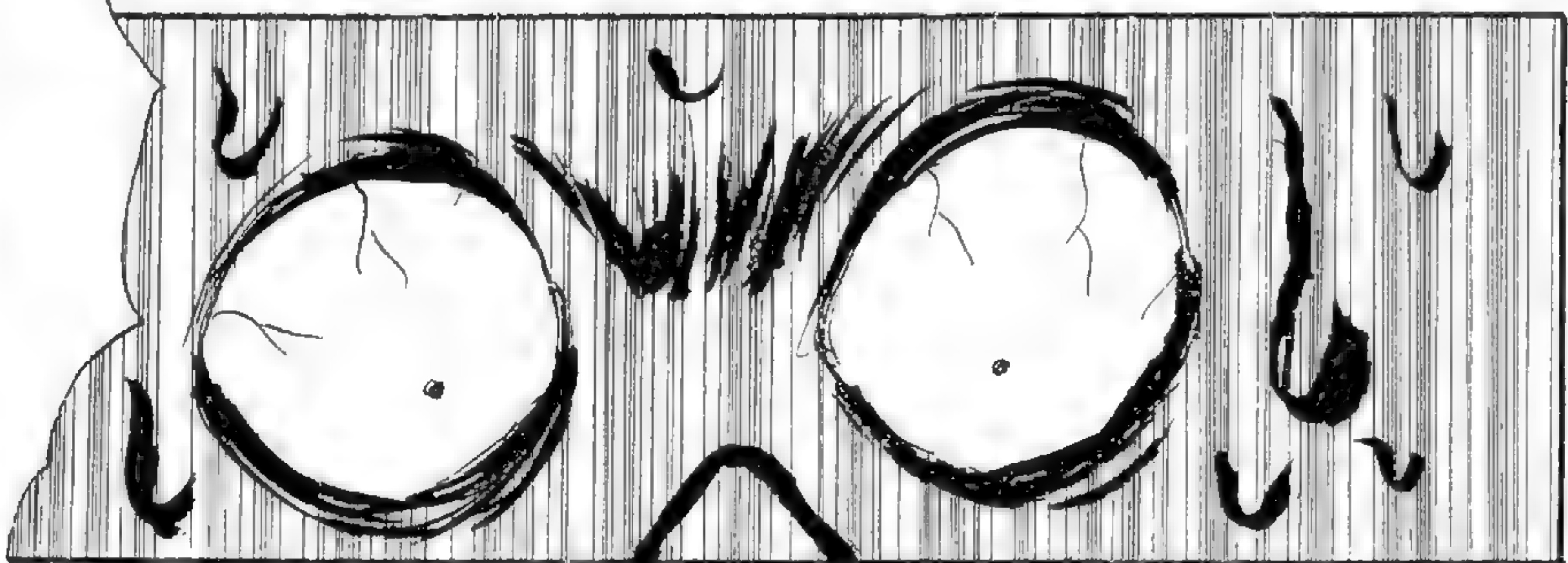
NO
SWEAT.



CRASH

SAITOO

AAAAAGH!







HAH!!!!

HOWWWW



**NAILED
'IM!!**

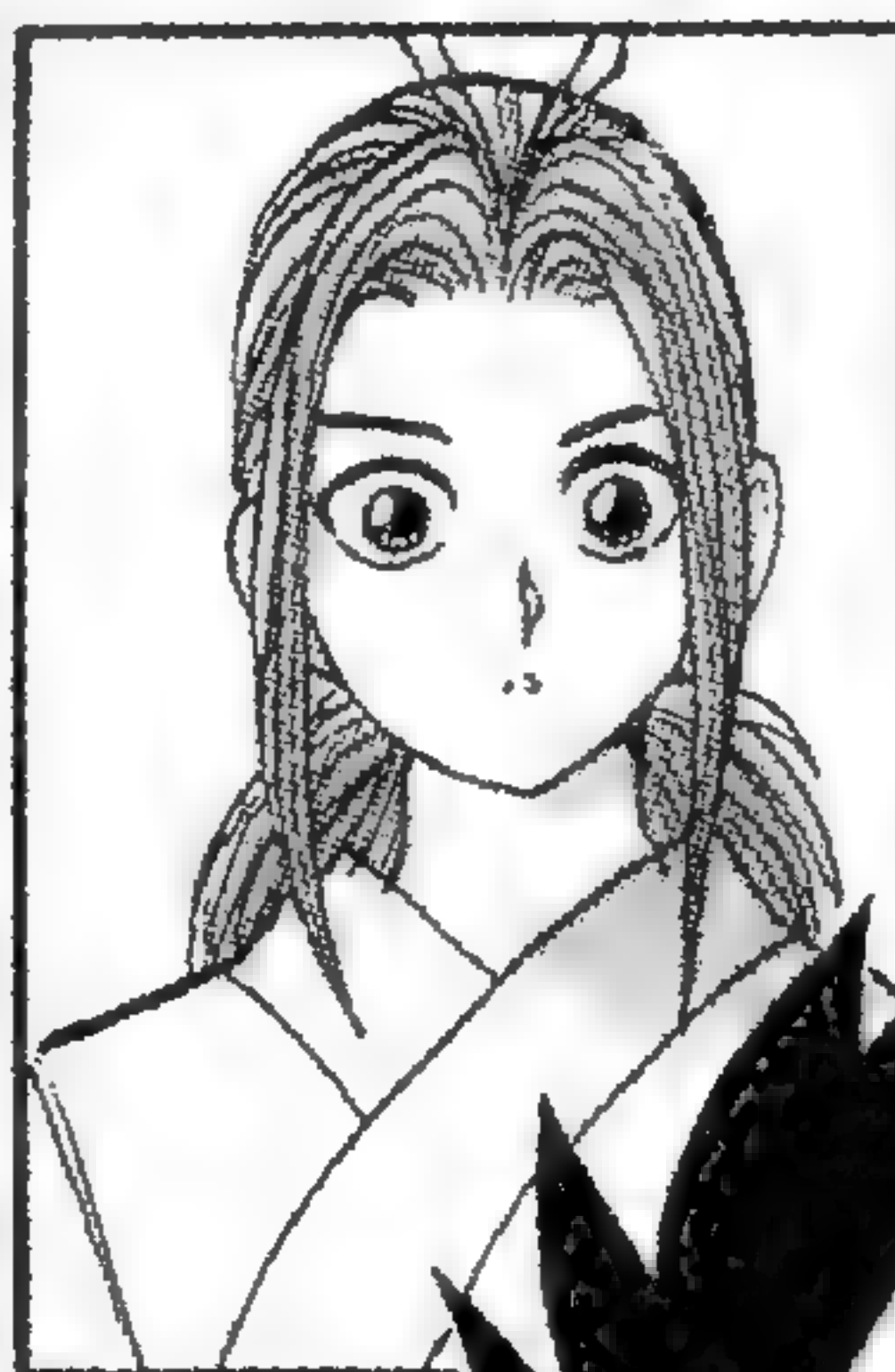
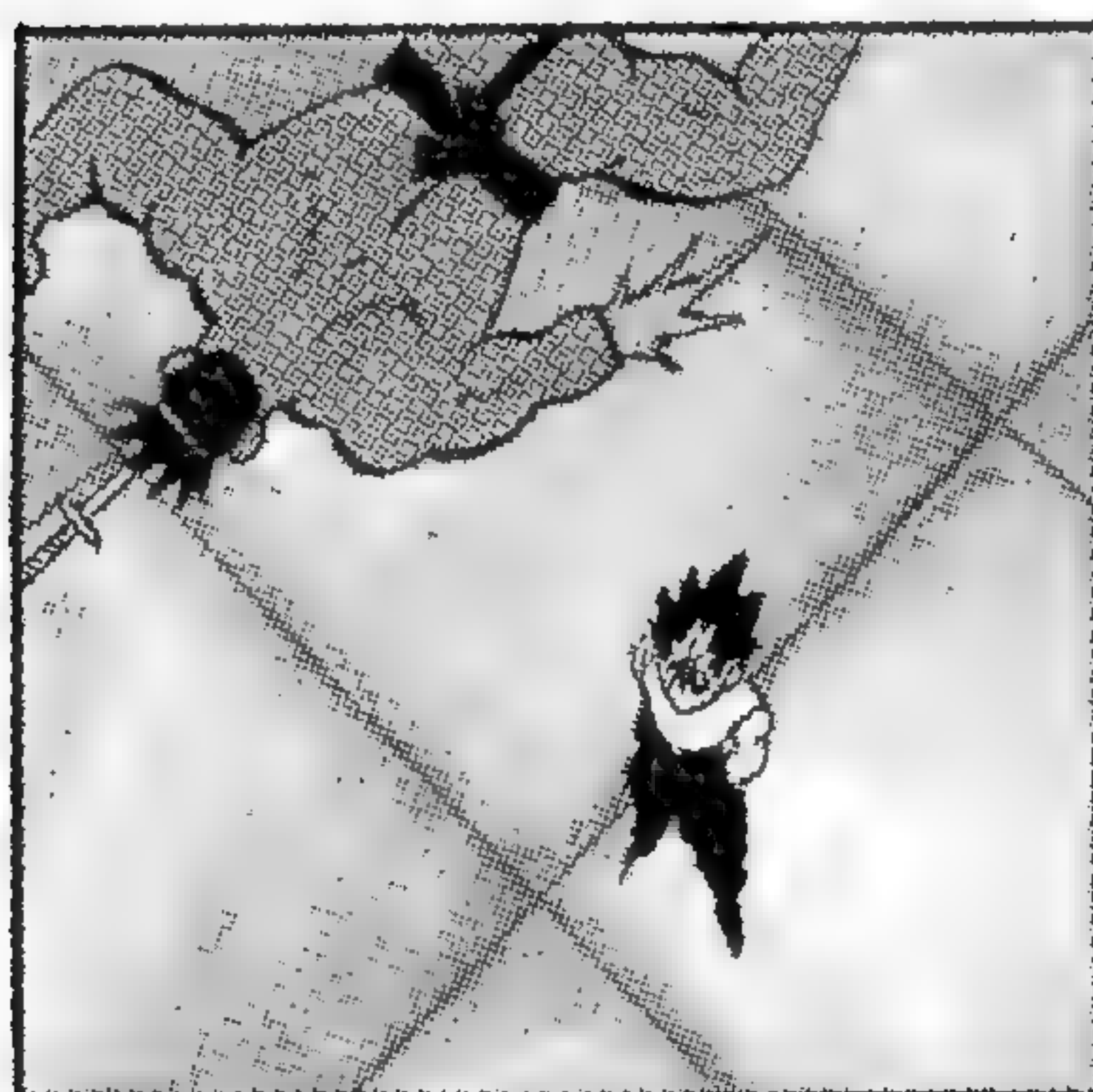
HEH!!



JUST MY
AFTER-
IMAGE.

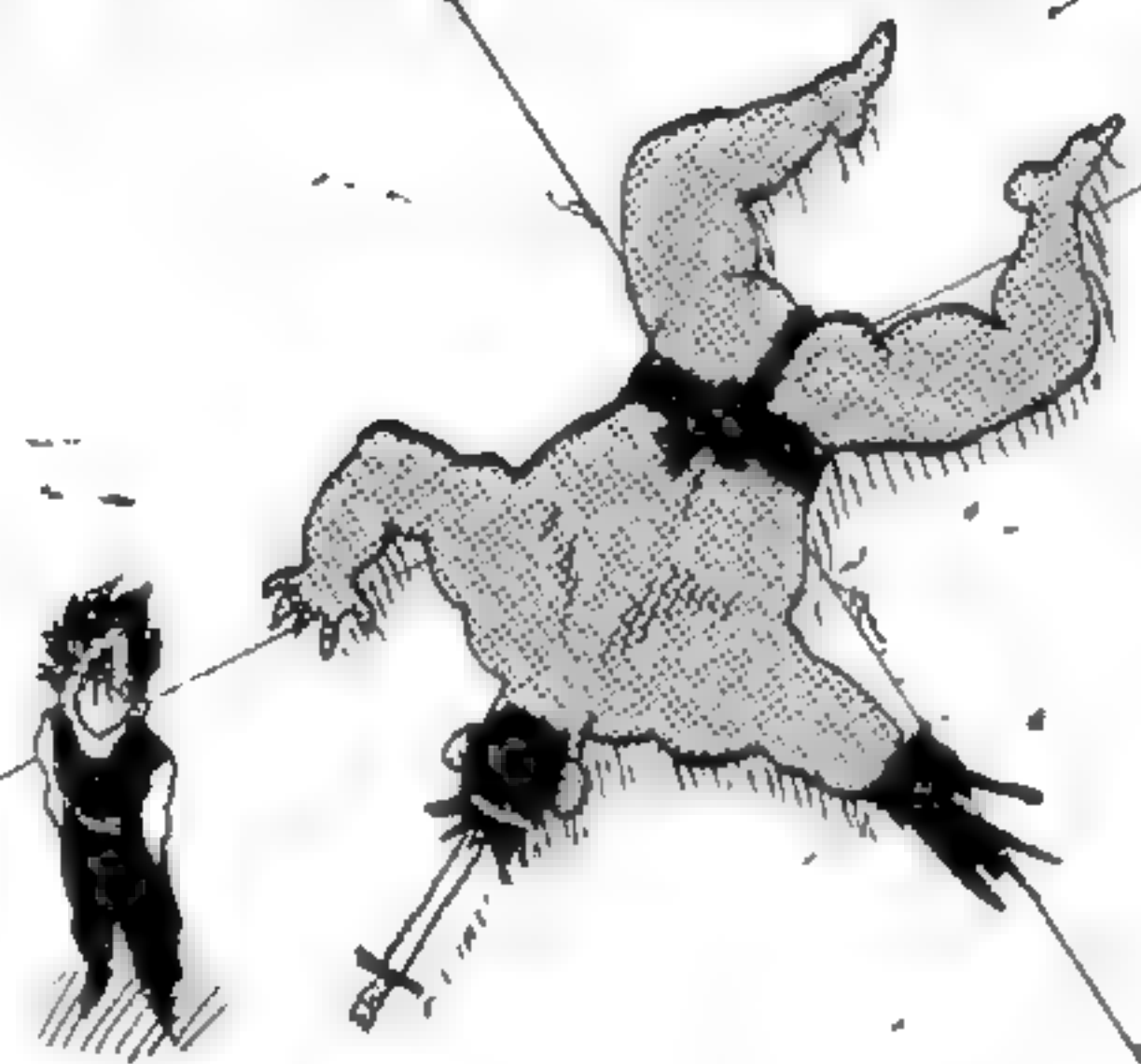
HUH?







HIEI FIGHTS AGAIN!!



EVIL KINTARO
IS DOWN
AND CLEARLY
OUT OF THE
FIGHT!

THE
WINNER OF
THE FIRST
MATCH IS
HIEI!!



oooooooooh

SORRY,
BLOW-BY-BLOW
FANS, BUT THAT
WAS TOO FAST
TO FOLLOW!!



BLIMEY!
THAT WAS
QUICK!!

TOSS

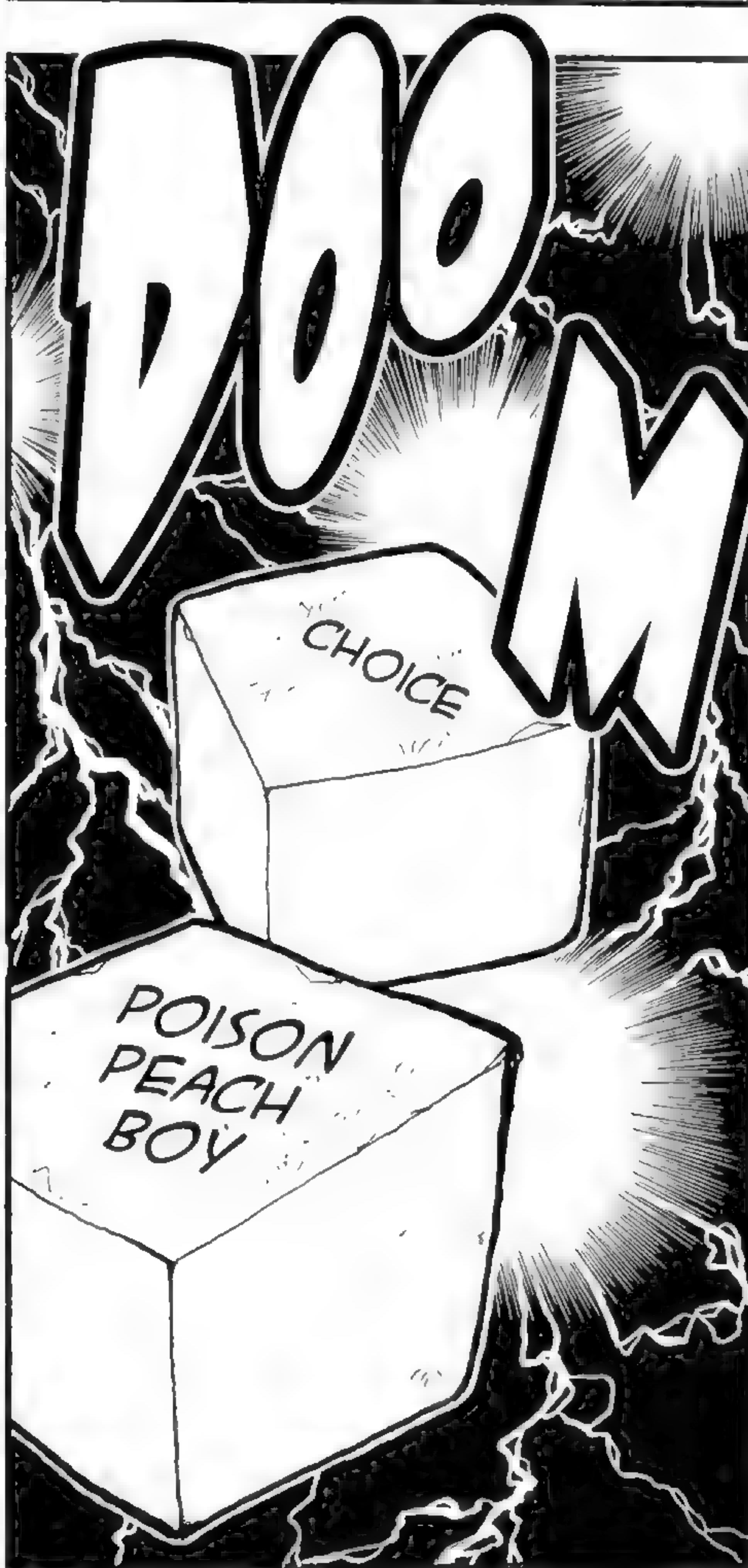
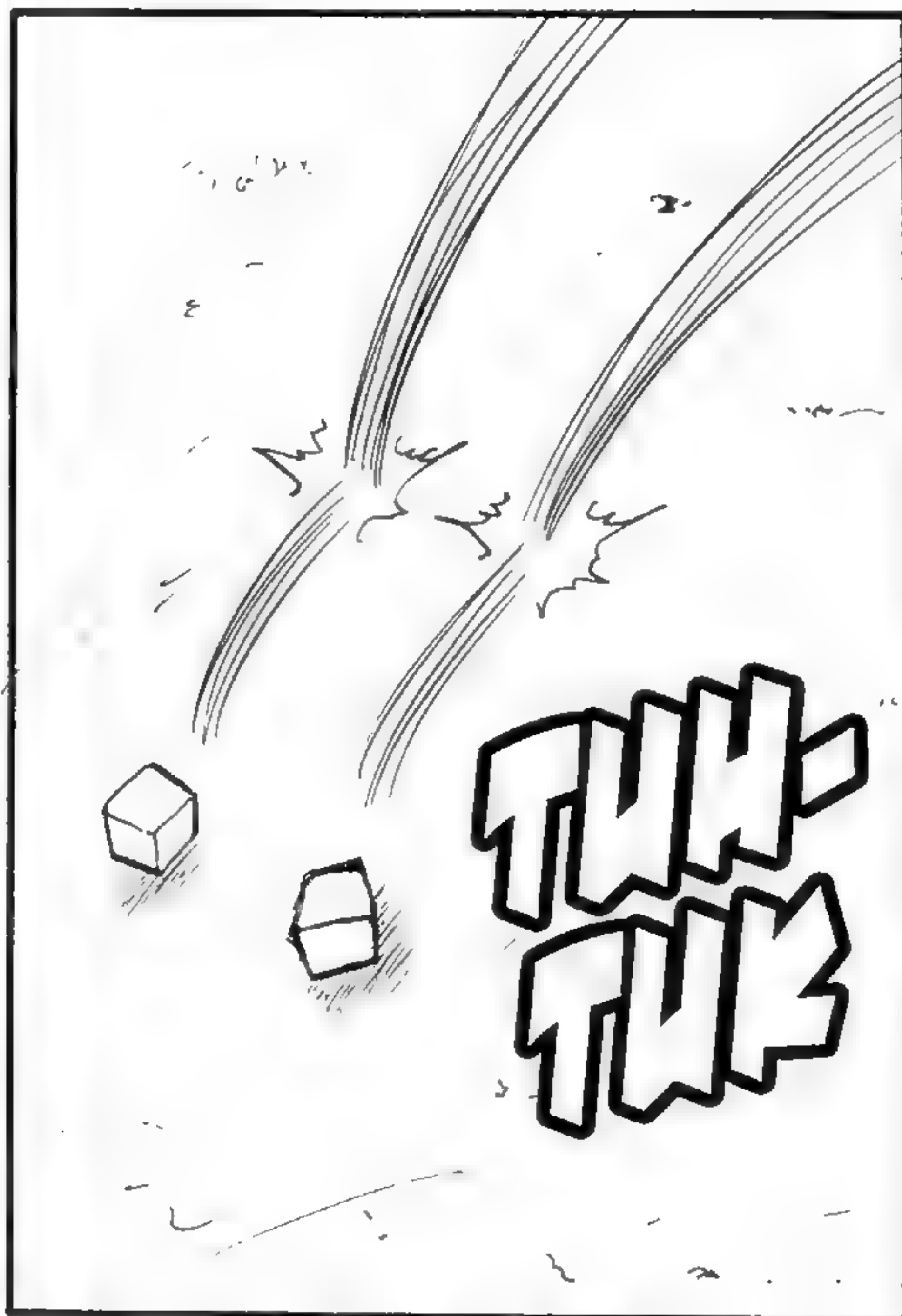


COCKY
RUNT,
AIN'TCHA!

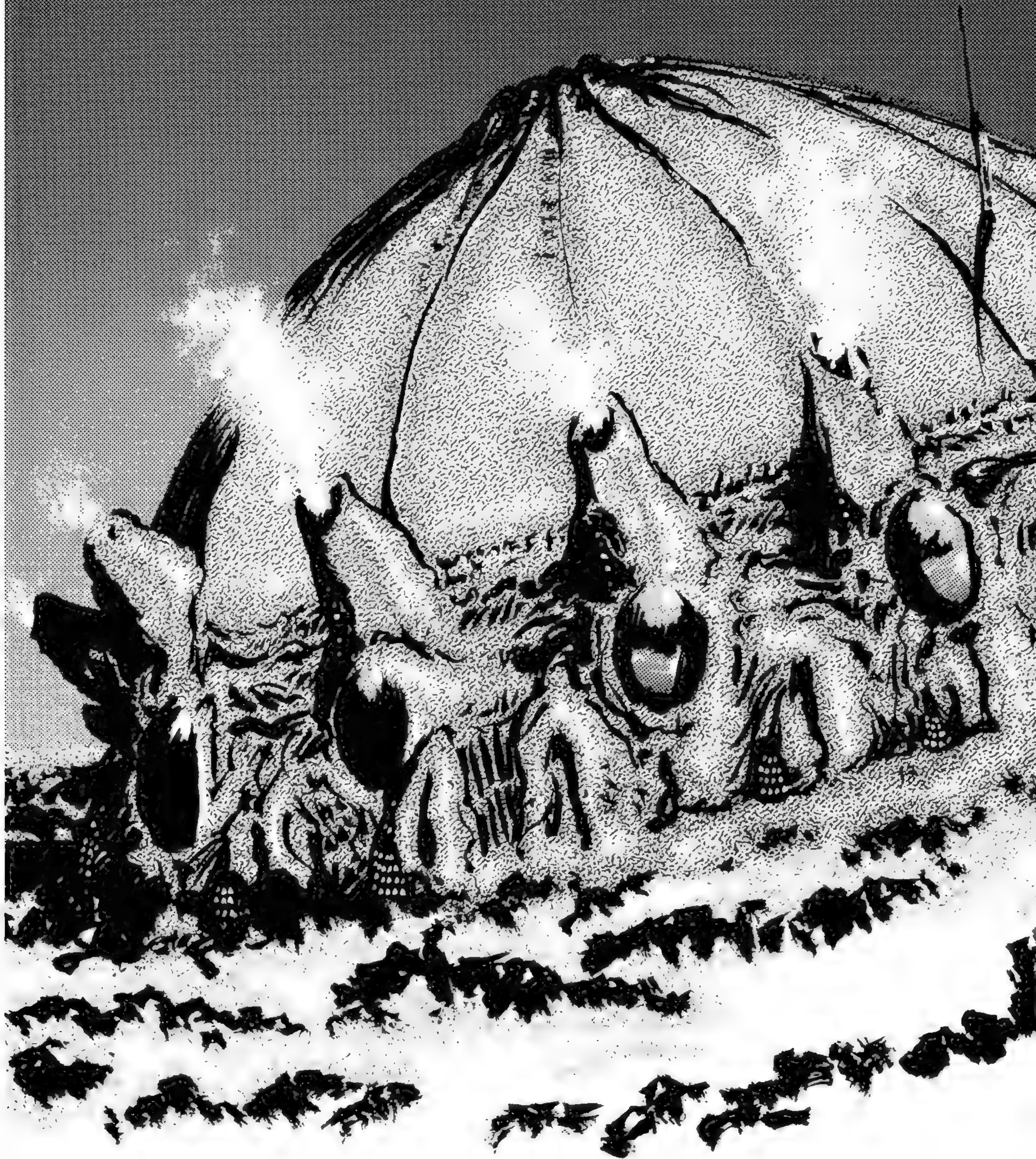
I'M
ITCHING
FOR
ANOTHER.

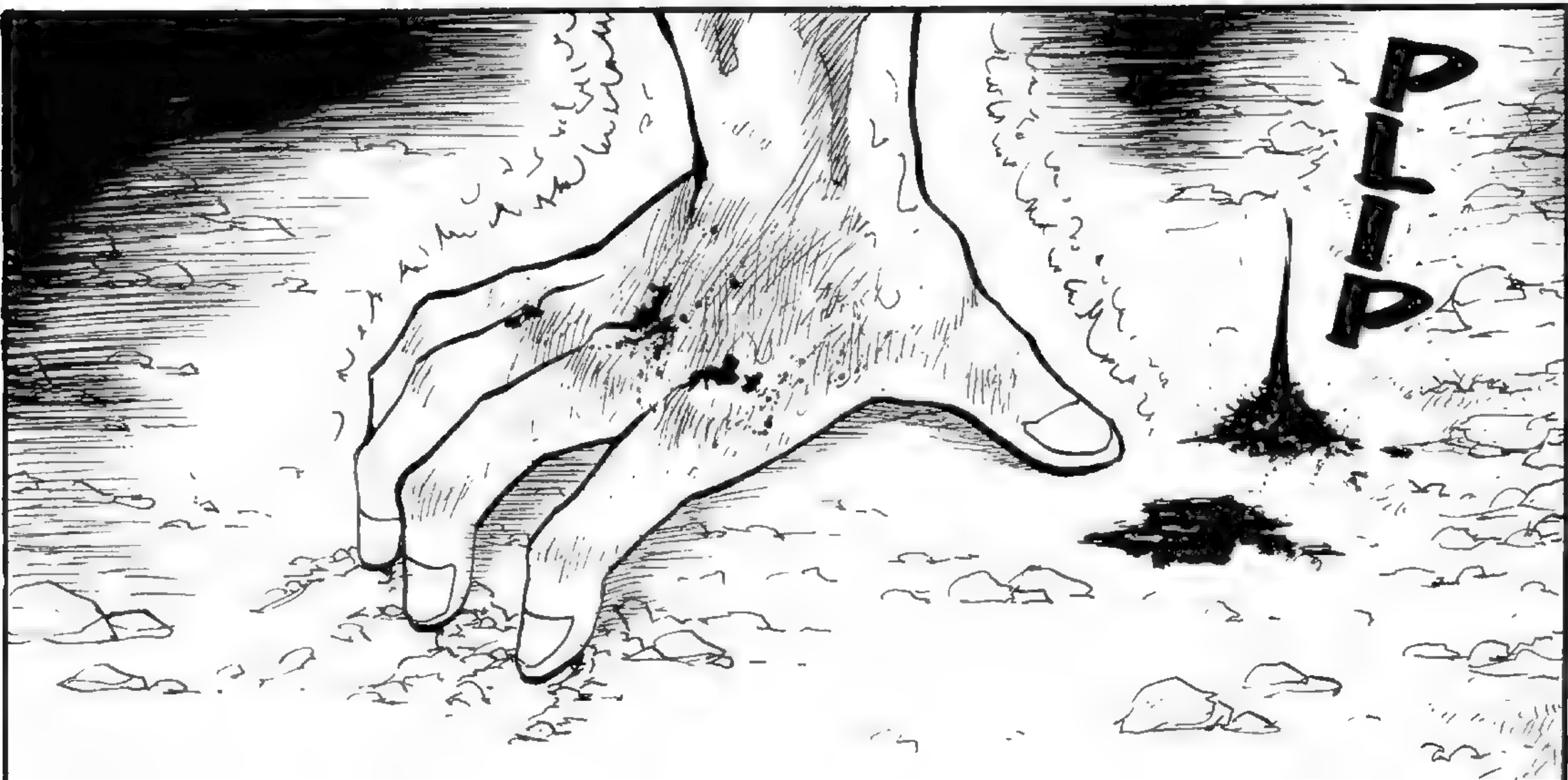
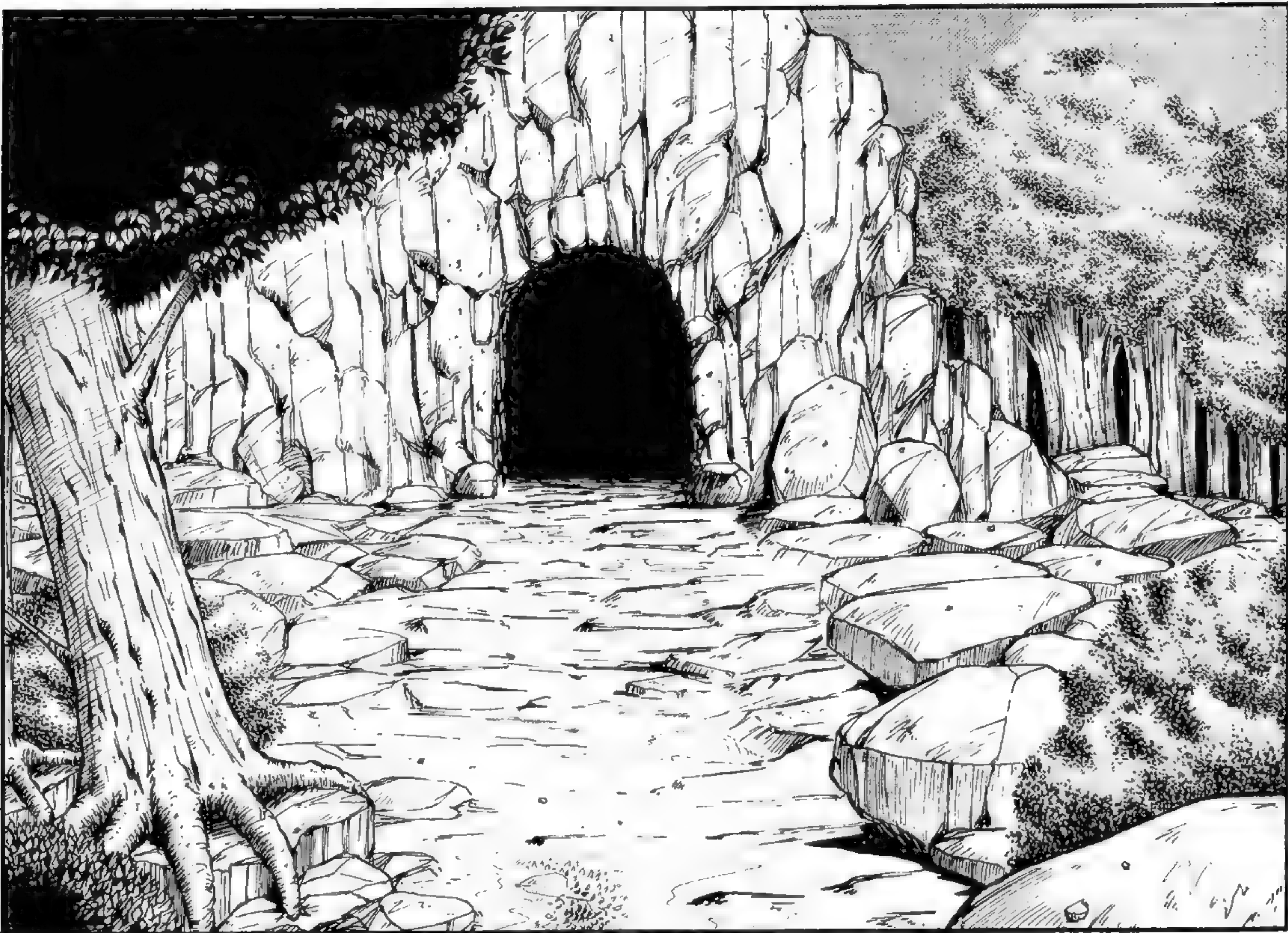
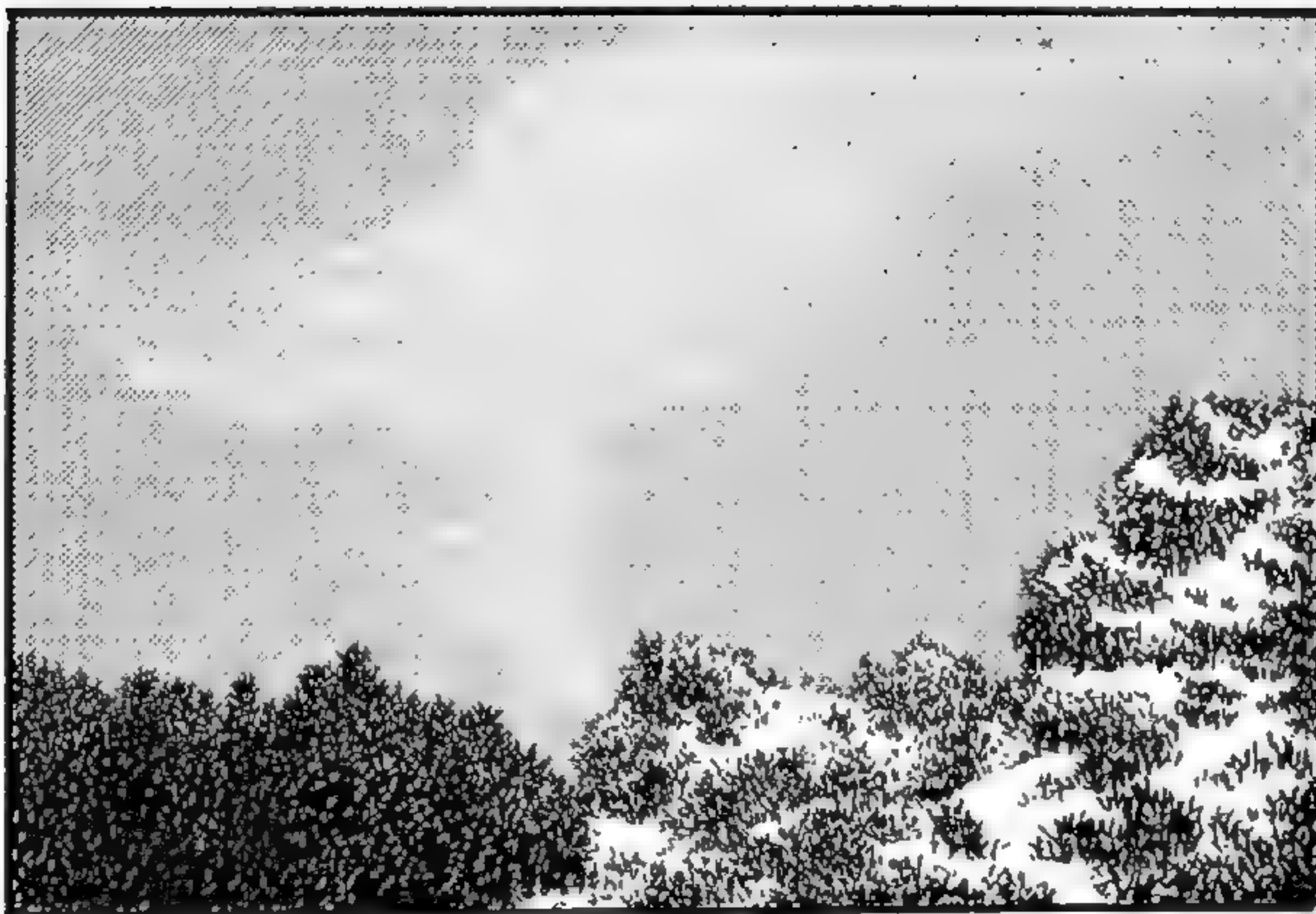


ROLL
THE
DICE.

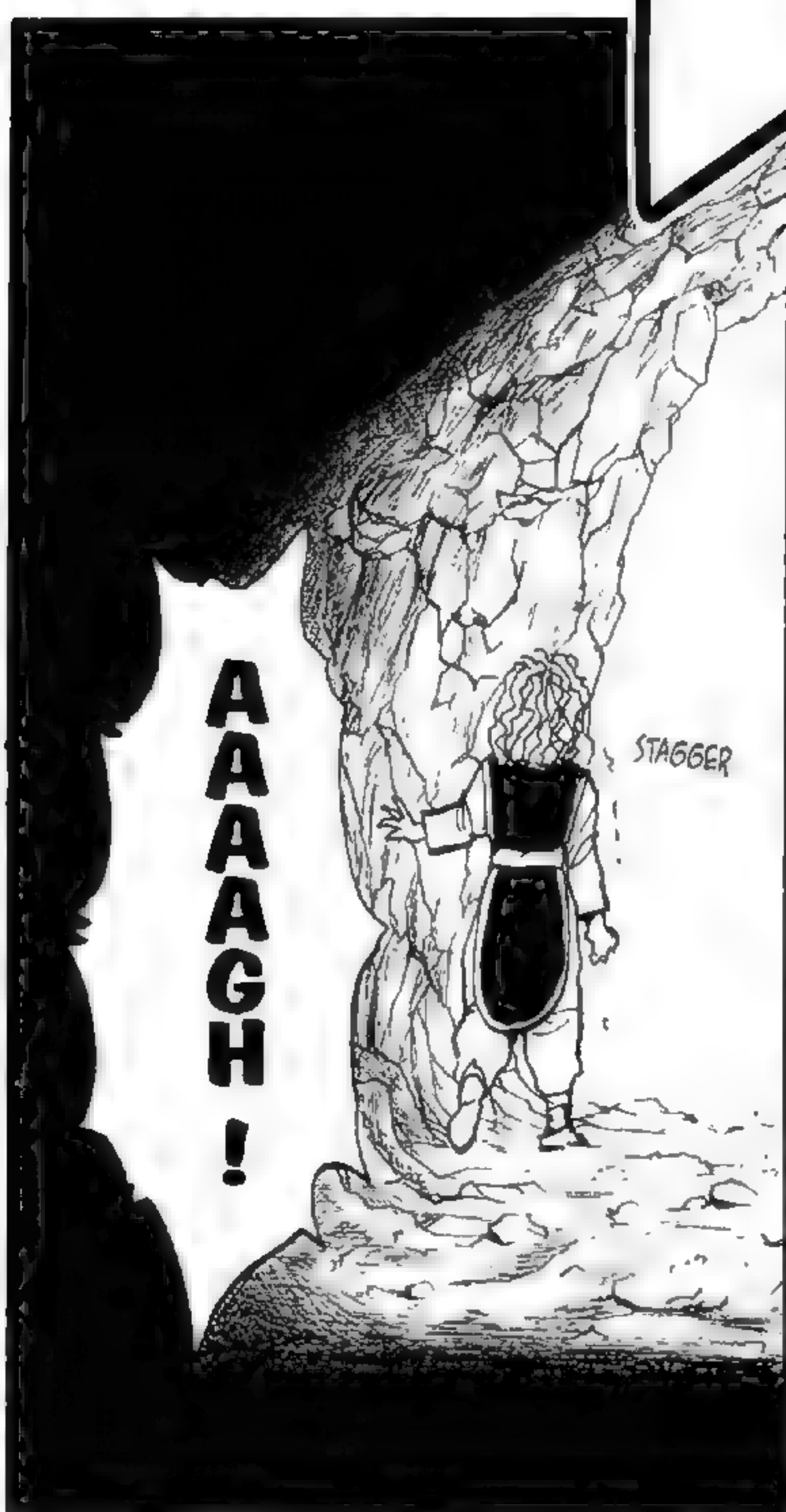


HIEI FIGHTS AGAIN!!









...AGAINST
TOGURO!
I'D HOPED THE
TOURNAMENT
HAD TEMPERED
HIM ENOUGH
TO ENDURE
IT...THAT HIS
AURA LEVEL HAS
HEIGHTENED...

...BUT WITHOUT
IT, YUSUKE
HAS NO
CHANCE
AT ALL...

I WAS
RIGHT...IT'S TOO
SOON...

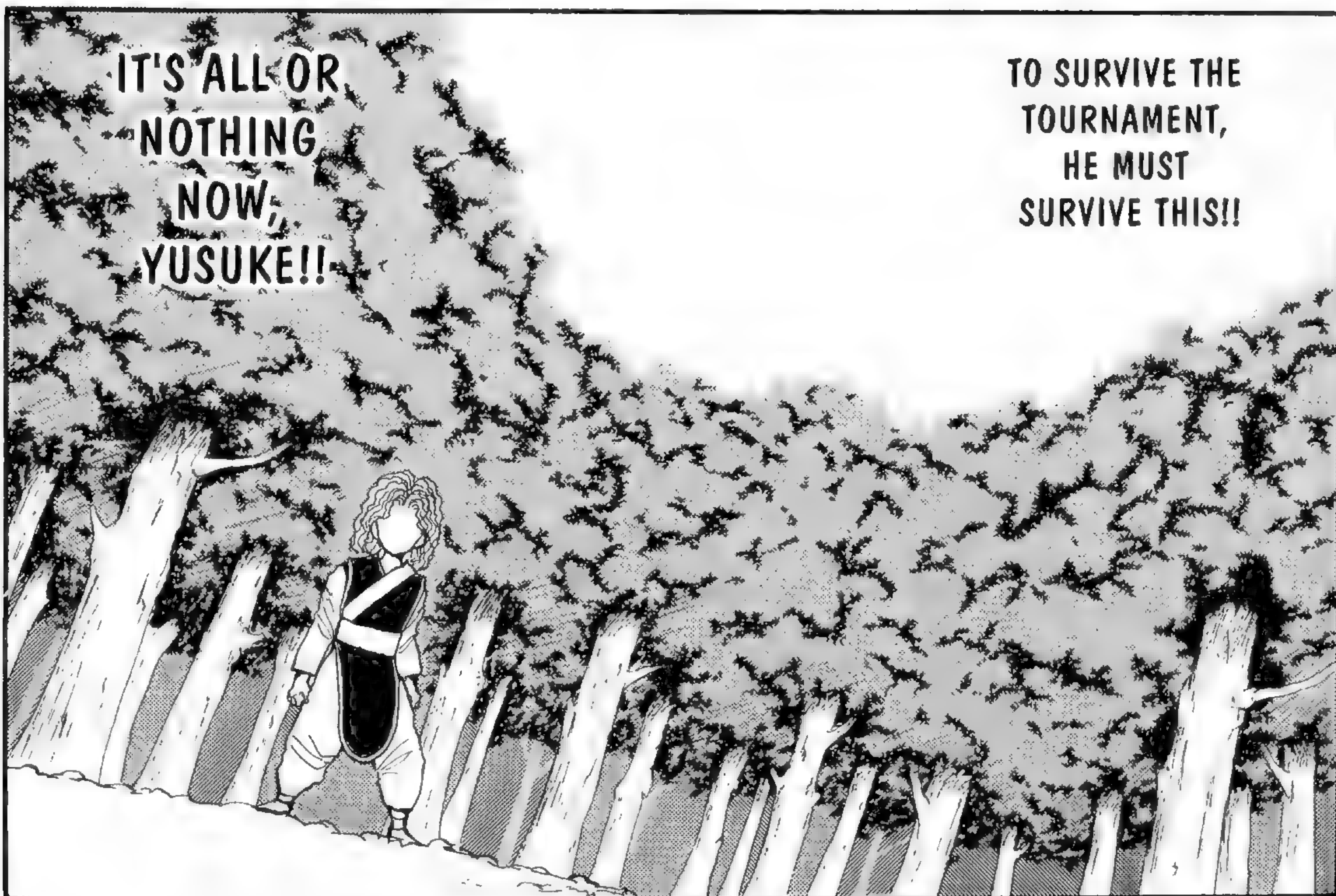


...AND
INTACT!!

...BUT HE STILL
HAS NO MORE
THAN AN EVEN
CHANCE OF
GETTING THROUGH
THIS ALIVE...

IT'S ALL OR
NOTHING
NOW,
YUSUKE!!

TO SURVIVE THE
TOURNAMENT,
HE MUST
SURVIVE THIS!!







HE
CAN'T,
SIMPLE
AS THAT.



YEAH?

IN SHORT,
HE'S WELL
BELOW
OPTIMUM
EFFICIENCY.



HE HASN'T
RECOVERED FROM
THE LAST TIME,
AND HIS AURA IS
ONLY AT 60%
CAPACITY.



...YOU'LL
HAVE HIM,
POISON
PEACH
BOY.

ONCE
YOUR BODY
COMMITS
ITS MOVES
TO
MEMORY...



...AND HE'S
TOO RAW TO
HAVE
MASTERED
THE DEMONIC
FLAMES.

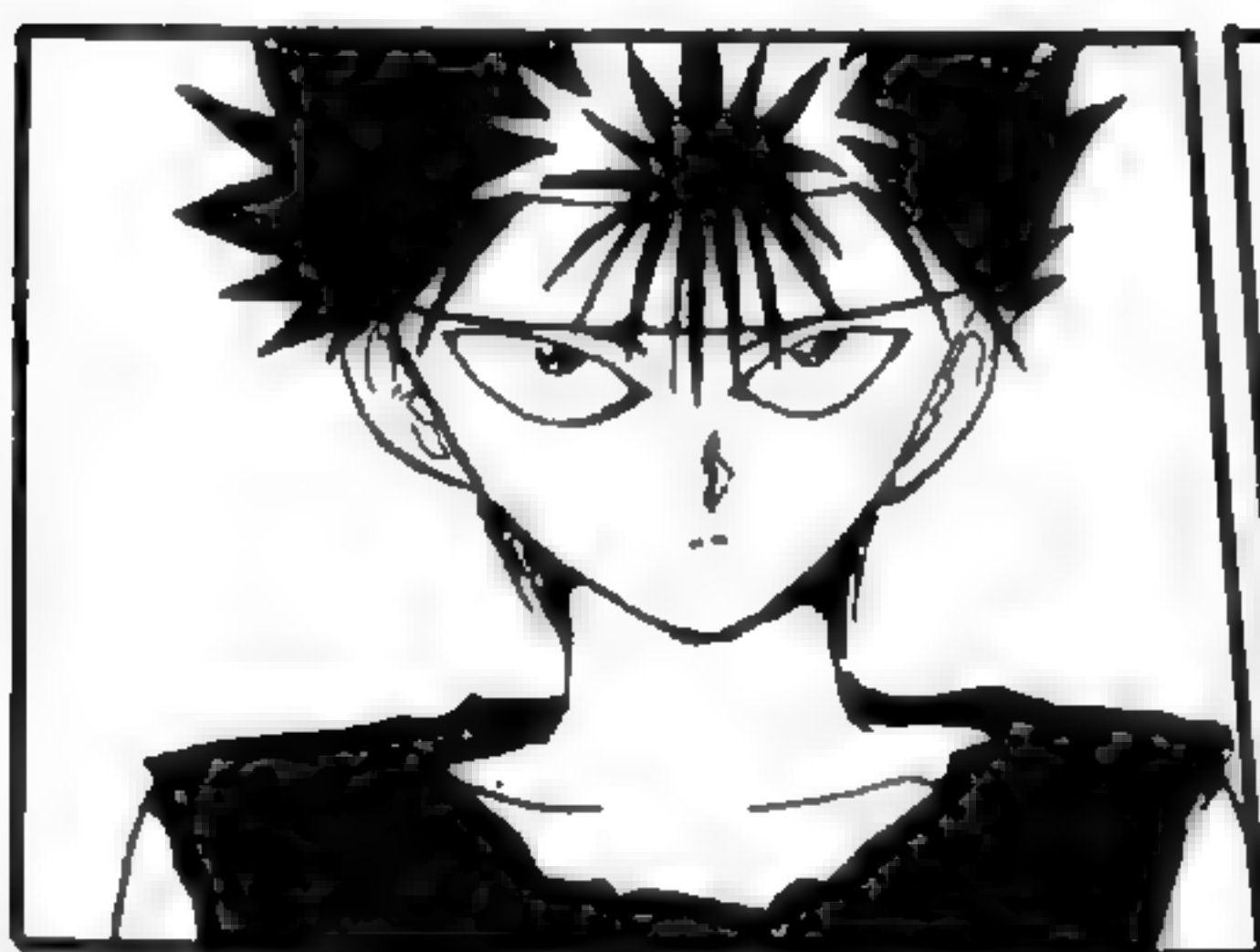
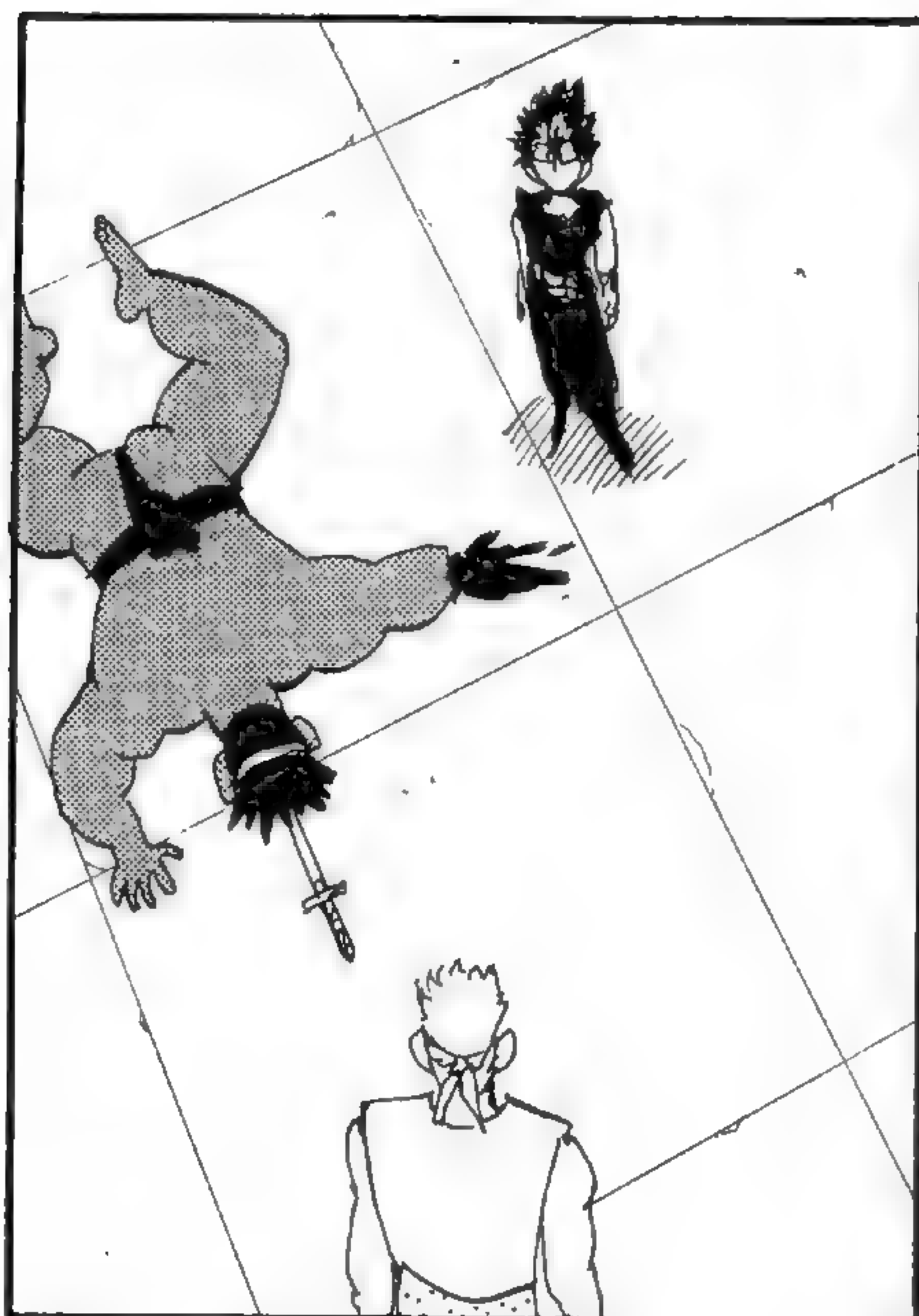


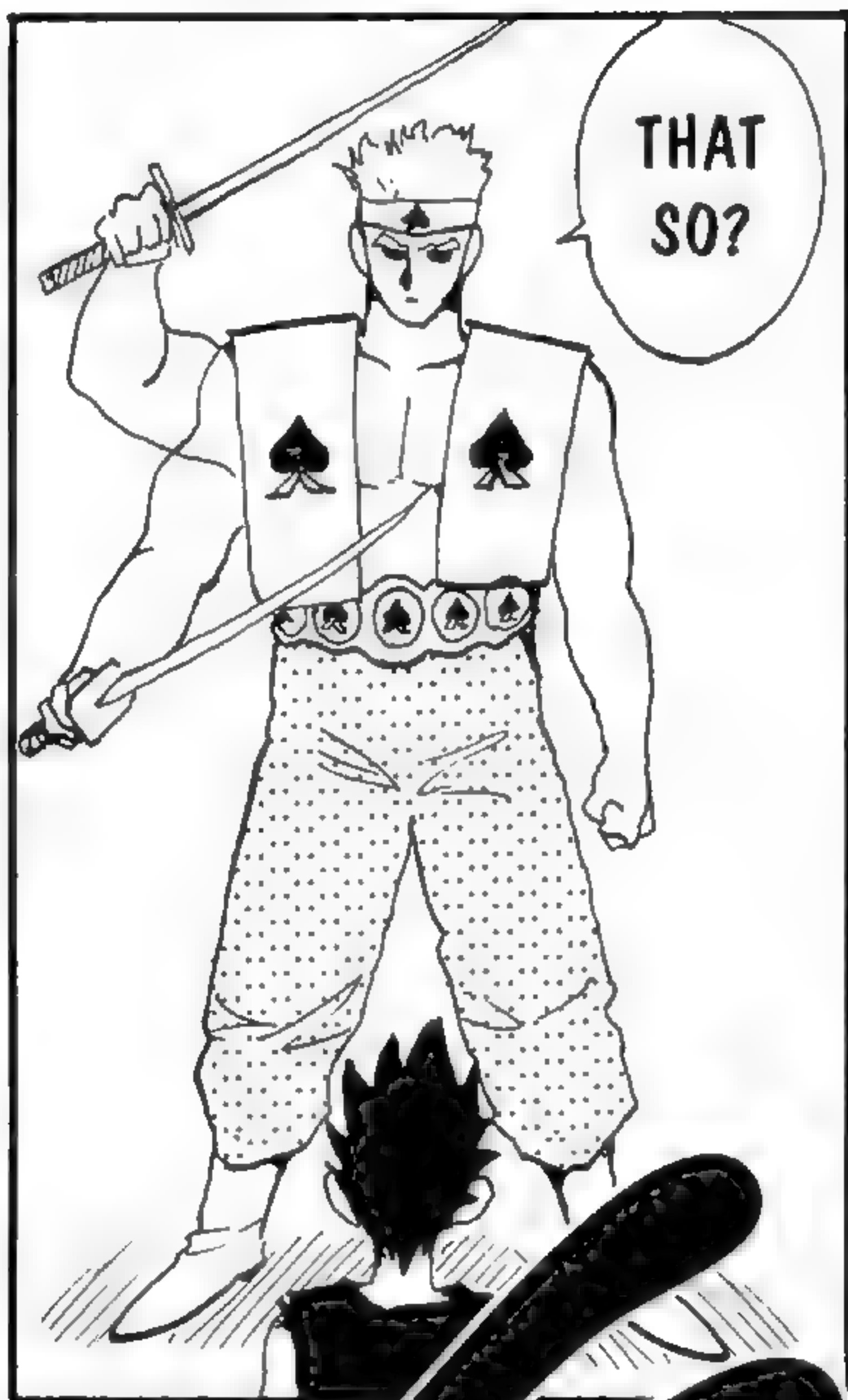
HIS
EVIL EYE IS
ACQUIRED
...

I'M SURE HE HAS
OTHER TECHNIQUES
UTILIZING THE FIERY
MOTIF, BUT YOU'LL
HAVE NO TROUBLE
HANDLING
THOSE.

HE HAS
THE BLACK
DRAGON BUT
INSUFFICIENT
STRENGTH TO
WIELD IT.









WHOO
MAN, THAT
SMARTS!
THAT'S ONE
SHARP
BLADE!

HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE!



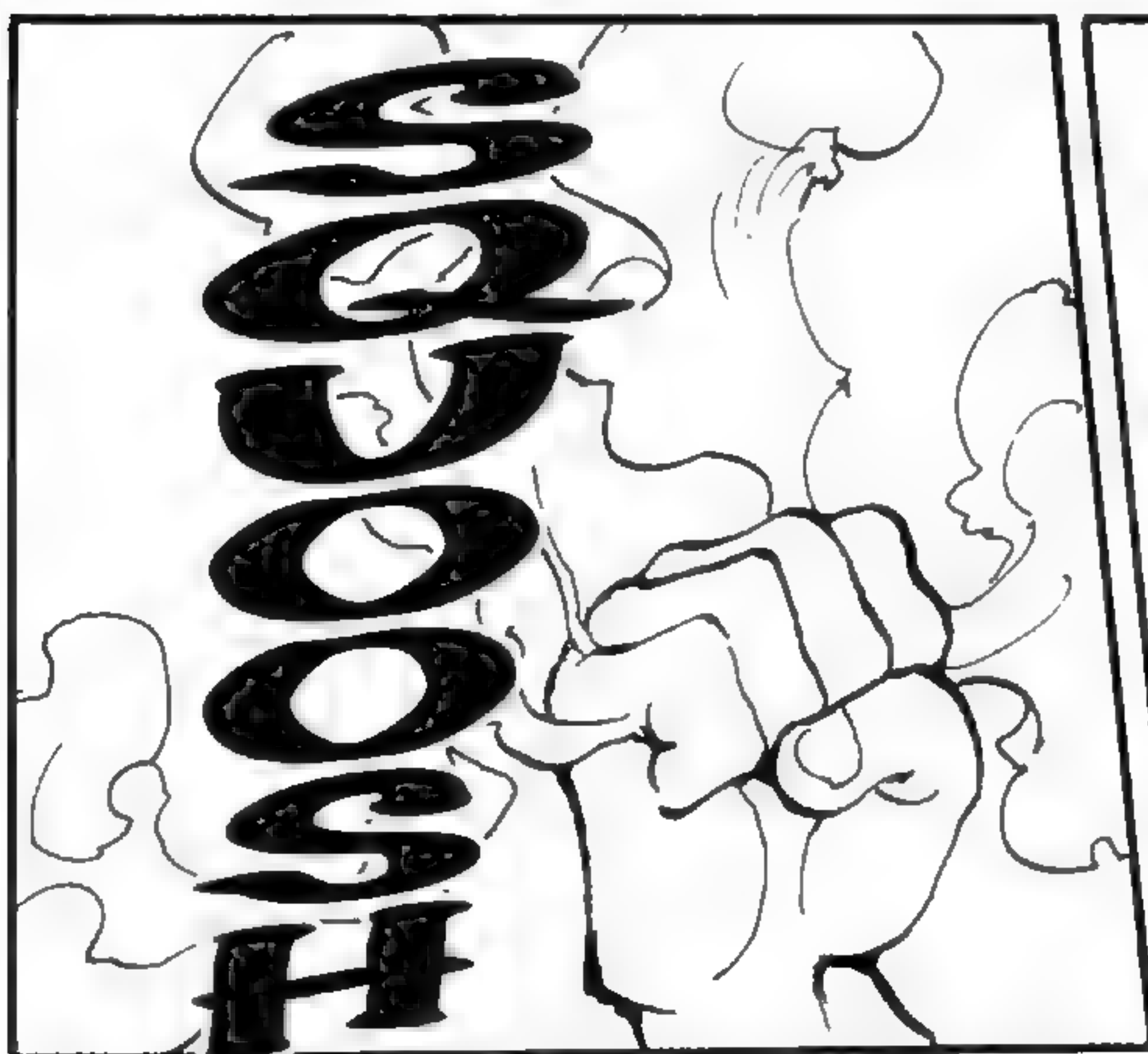
I'VE JUST
MEMORIZED
THAT
SHARPNESS
!!

HEE
HEE
HEE...



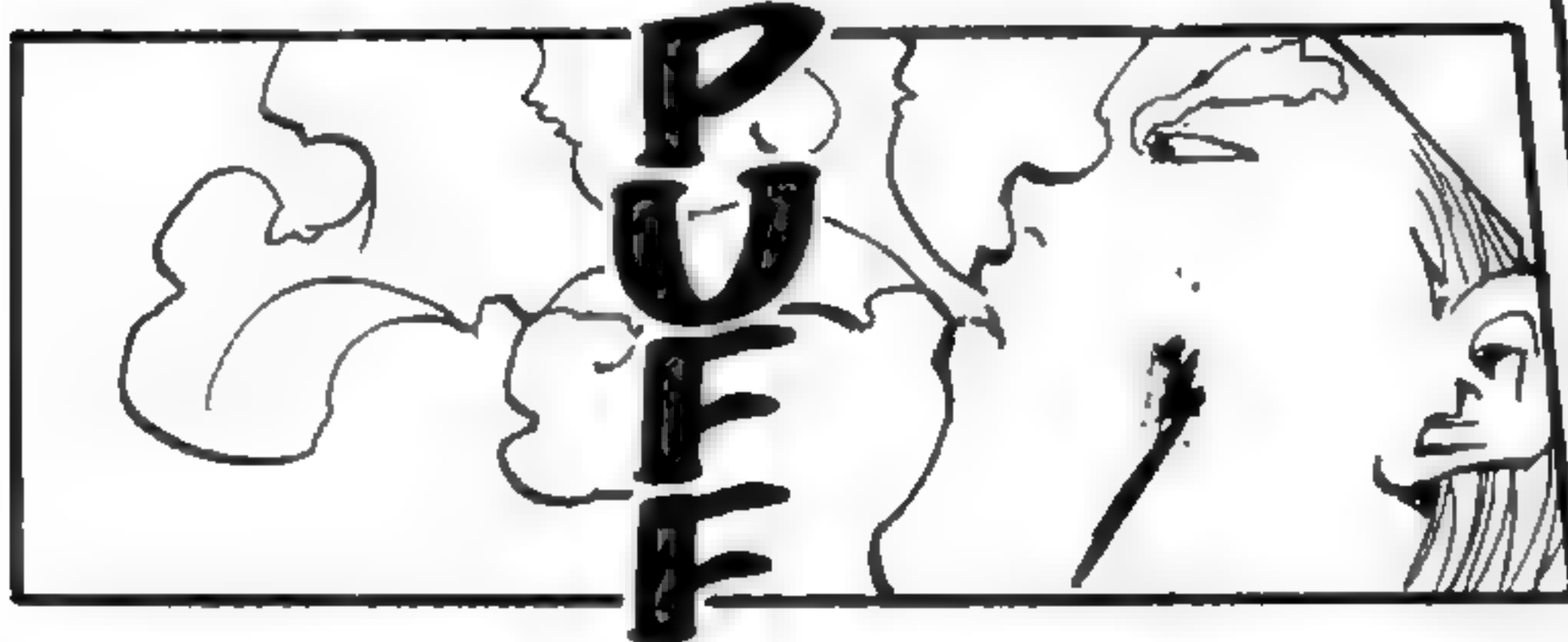
IDIOT
WHACKED
OFF HIS
OWN
FINGERS!

THIS
GUY SOME
KINDA
LUNATIC?!



SOOSH

AND NOW...
A MILLET
DUMPLING!



PUEE



RUSTLE
RUSTLE

HEH
HEH HEH...

**BEAST
ARMOR ONE—
DEMON
SIMIAN
PELT!**



**FOR ALL
THE GOOD
IT'LL DO
YOU!**



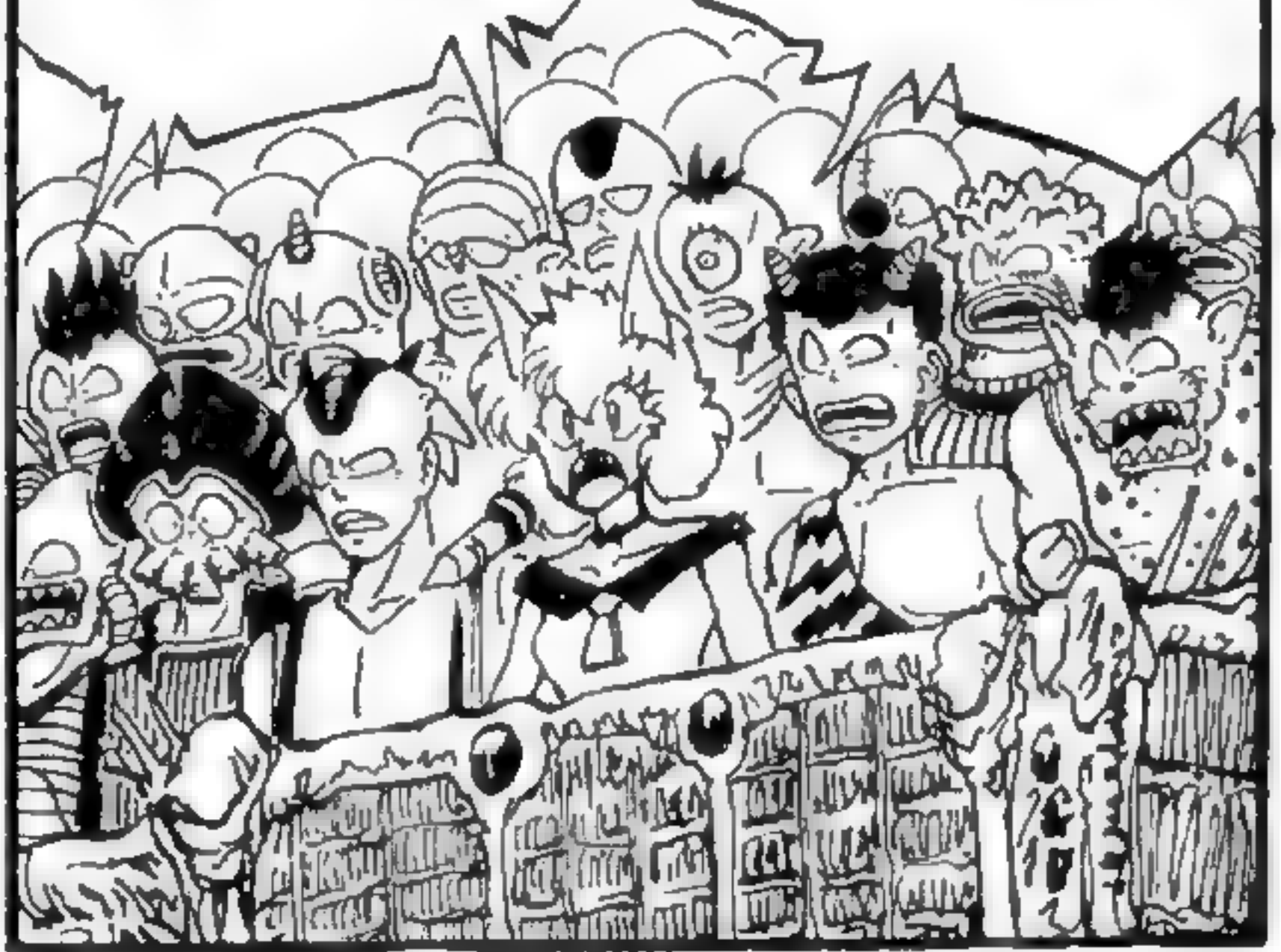
**HERE!
YOU CAN
HAVE THIS
BACK!**

BEGIN!!



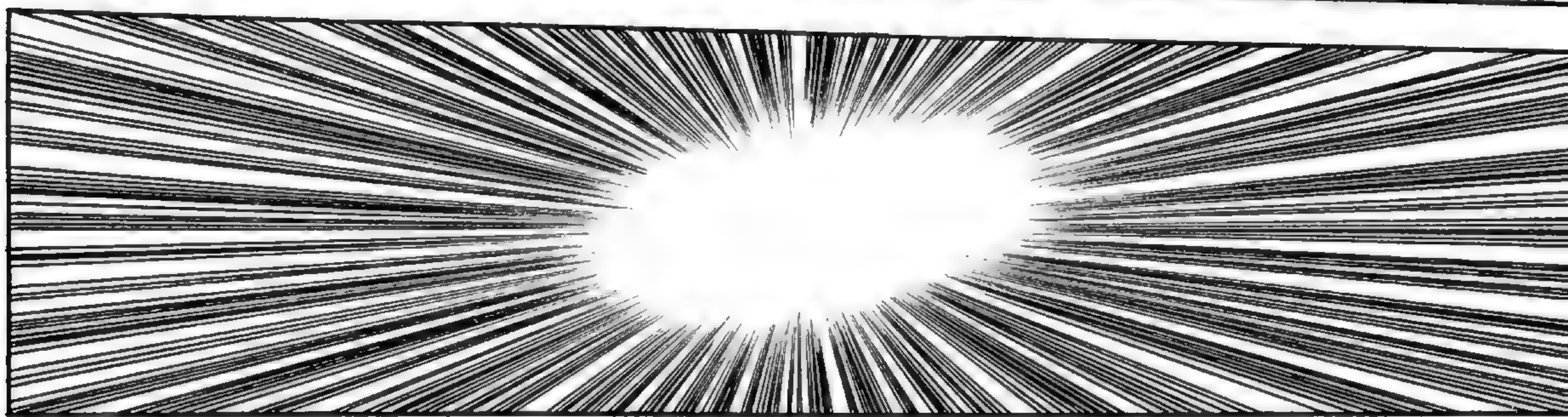
**HIS DEMONIC
AURA'S
POWER IS
SURGING! YOU
CAN FEEL IT!**

**WOW!
THAT WAS
ONE SUPER-
POTENT
SNACK!!**



HMM...









YOU'RE
SLOW,
KID.



GOOD
GOSH!!

W
HAPA

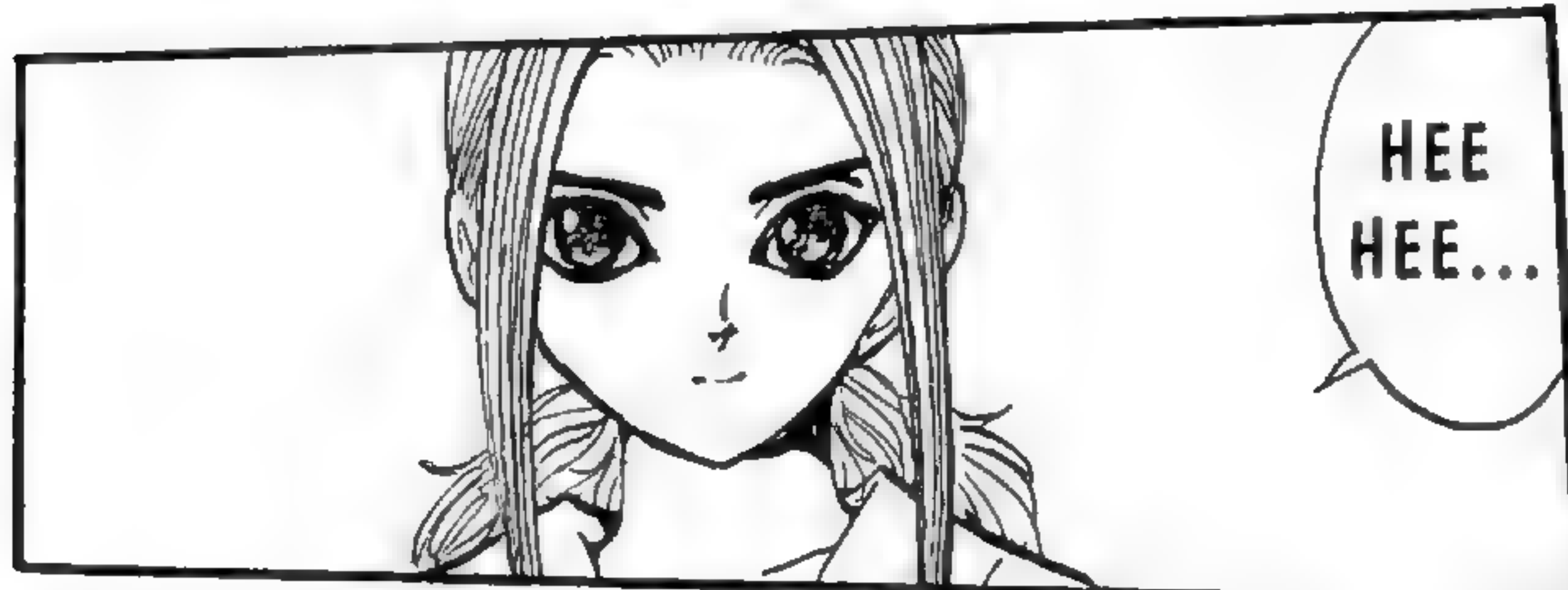


GEEZ
LOU-EEZ!!

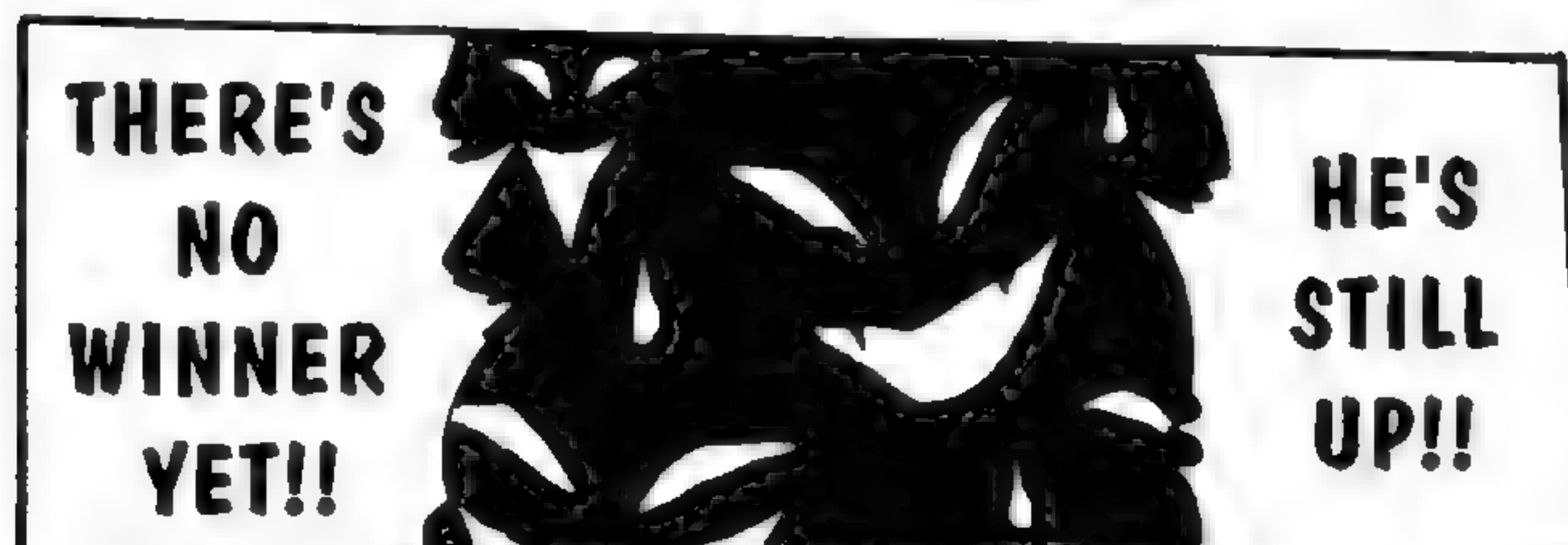


...CLEAN
ACROSS
THE
ARENA!!

HE
KNOCKED
HIEI...



HEE
HEE...



THERE'S
NO
WINNER
YET!!

HE'S
STILL
UP!!



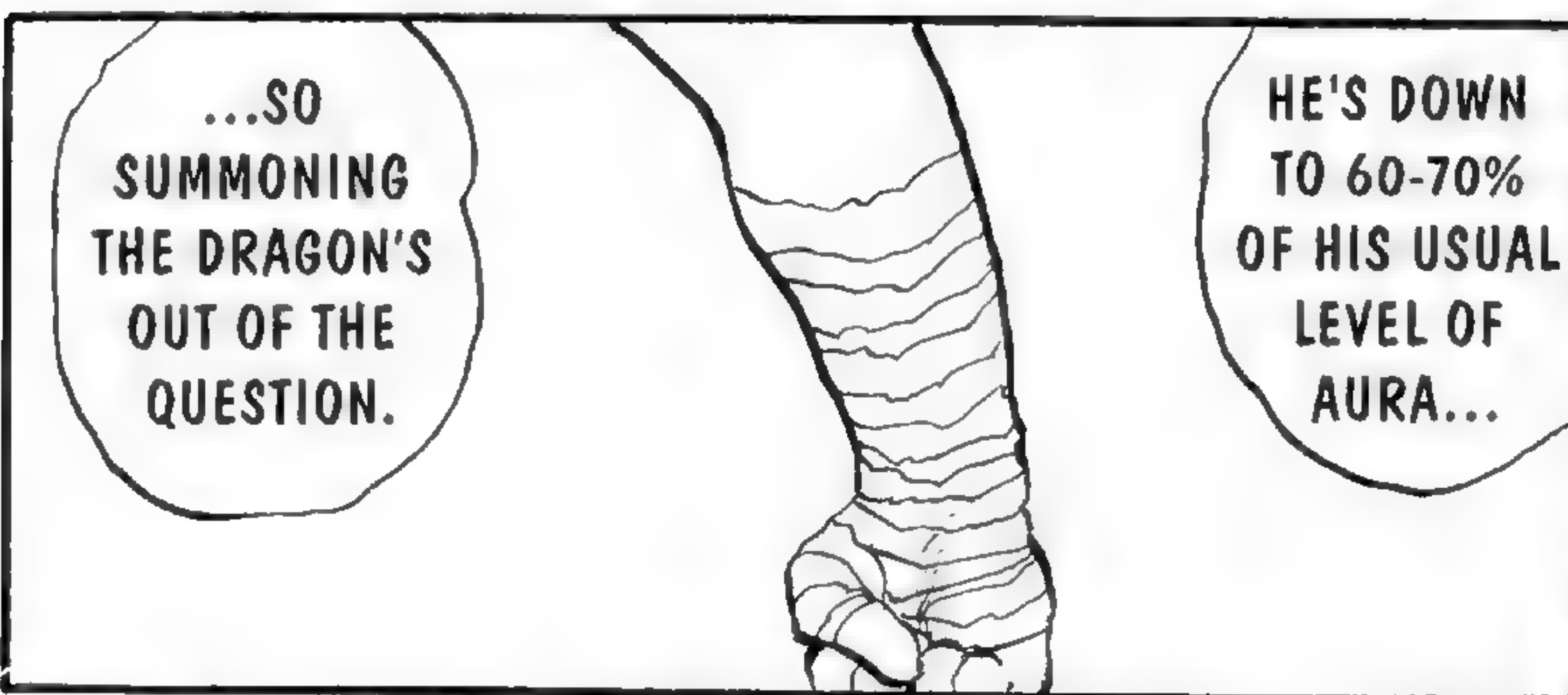
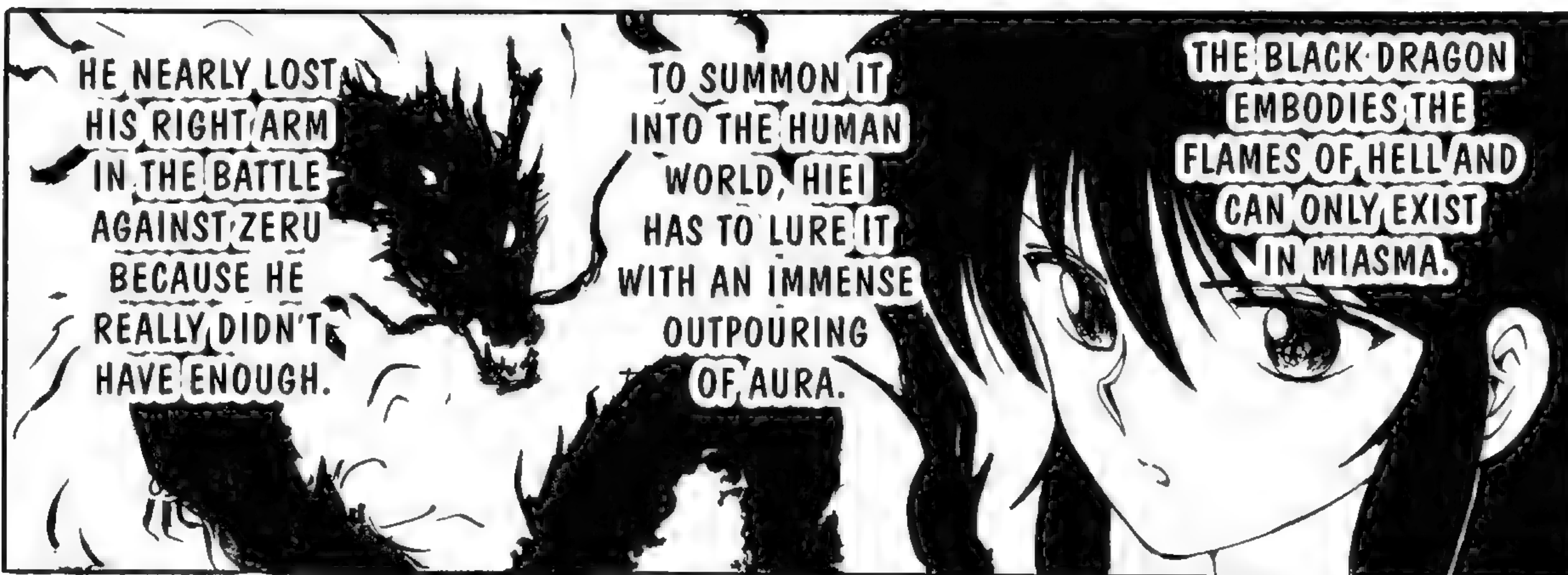
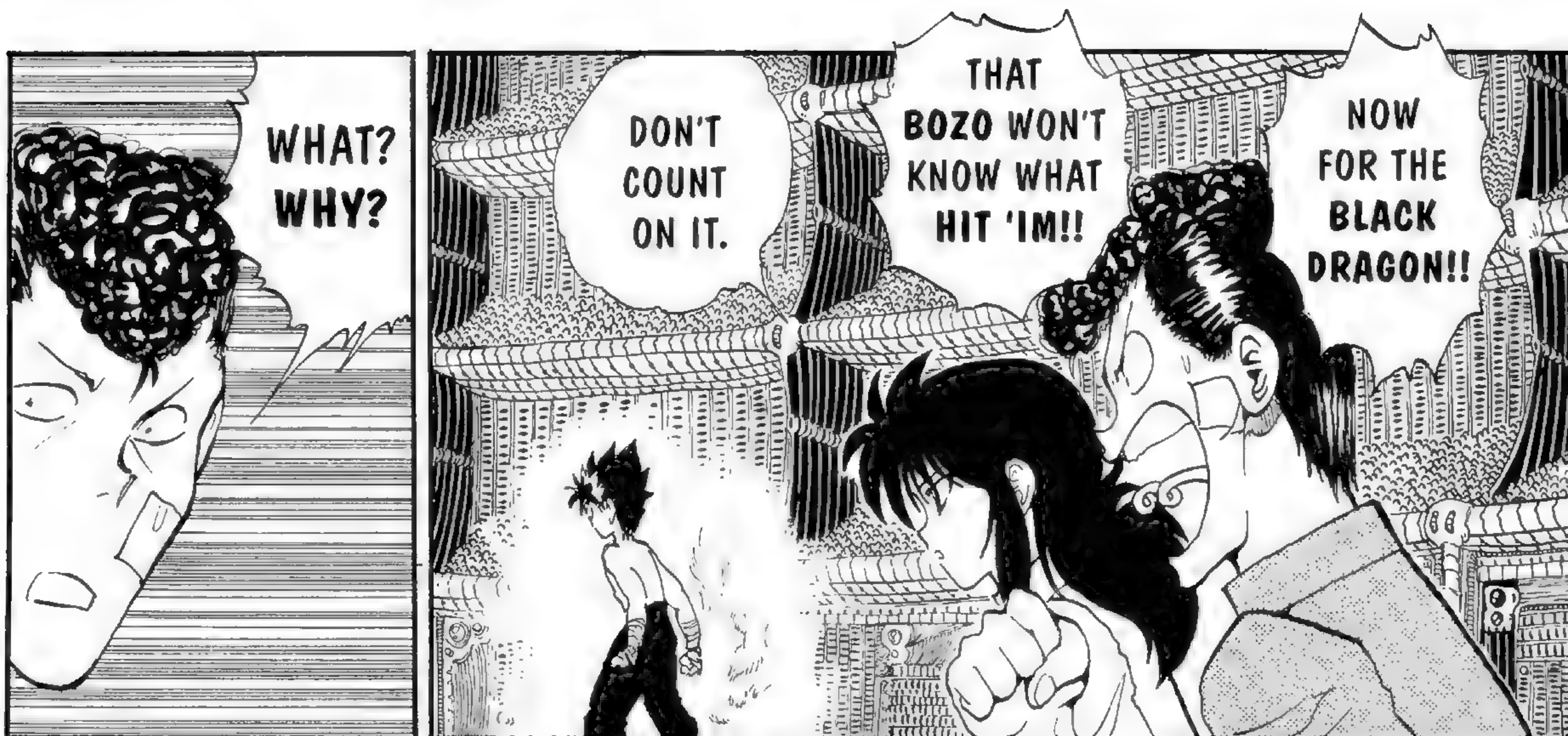






THE INVINCIBLE BEAST ARMOR!!

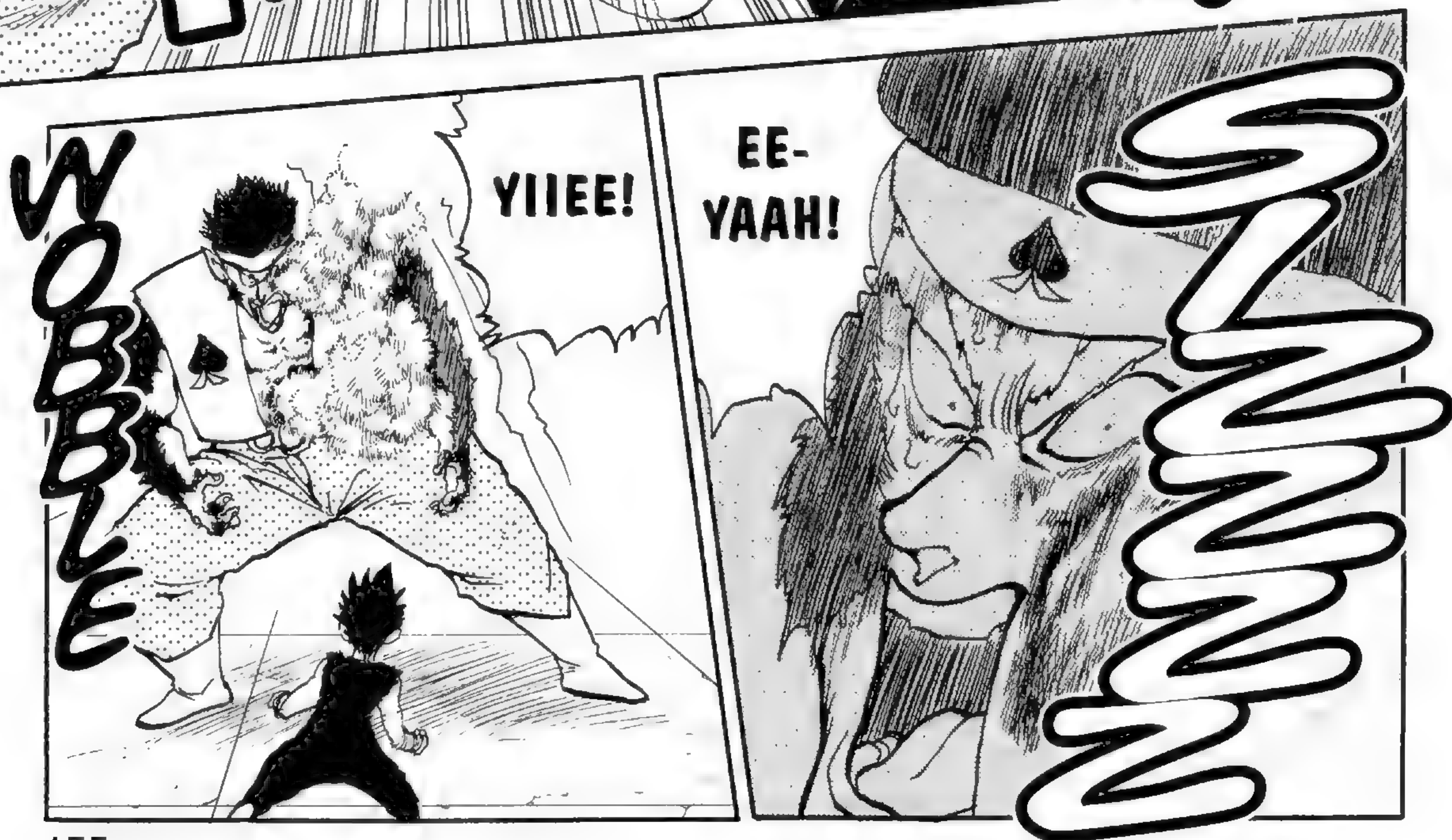




THE INVINCIBLE BEAST ARMOR!!











HEH
HEH HEH
HEH...



LOOKS
LIKE HE
CAN BACK
UP HIS
BOASTS!!

POISON
PEACH BOY'S
STILL
STANDING!!



PUFF



POOSH



YOU'LL
HAVE TO
TRY...

...SOME-
THING
ELSE!



HA
HA HA
HA!!



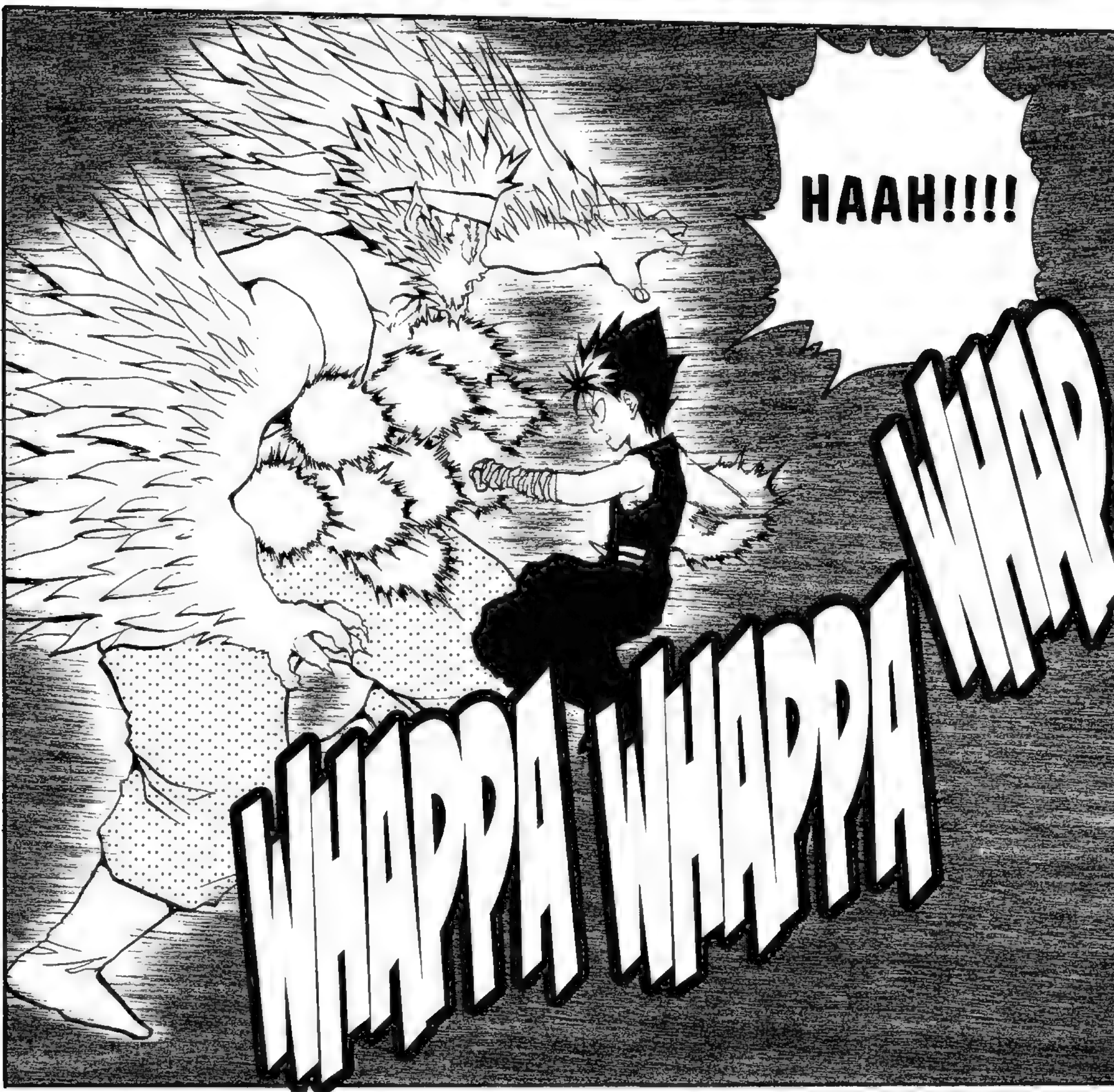
CRICKLE
CRACKLE

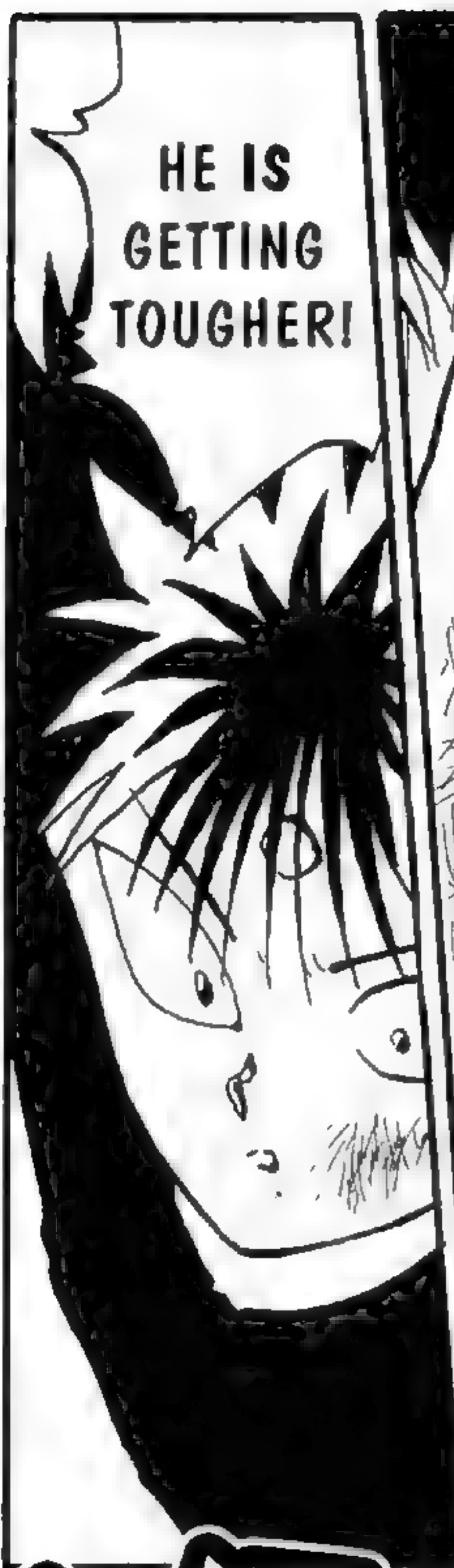


**BEAST
ARMOR TWO—
DEMON AVIAN
PELT!**







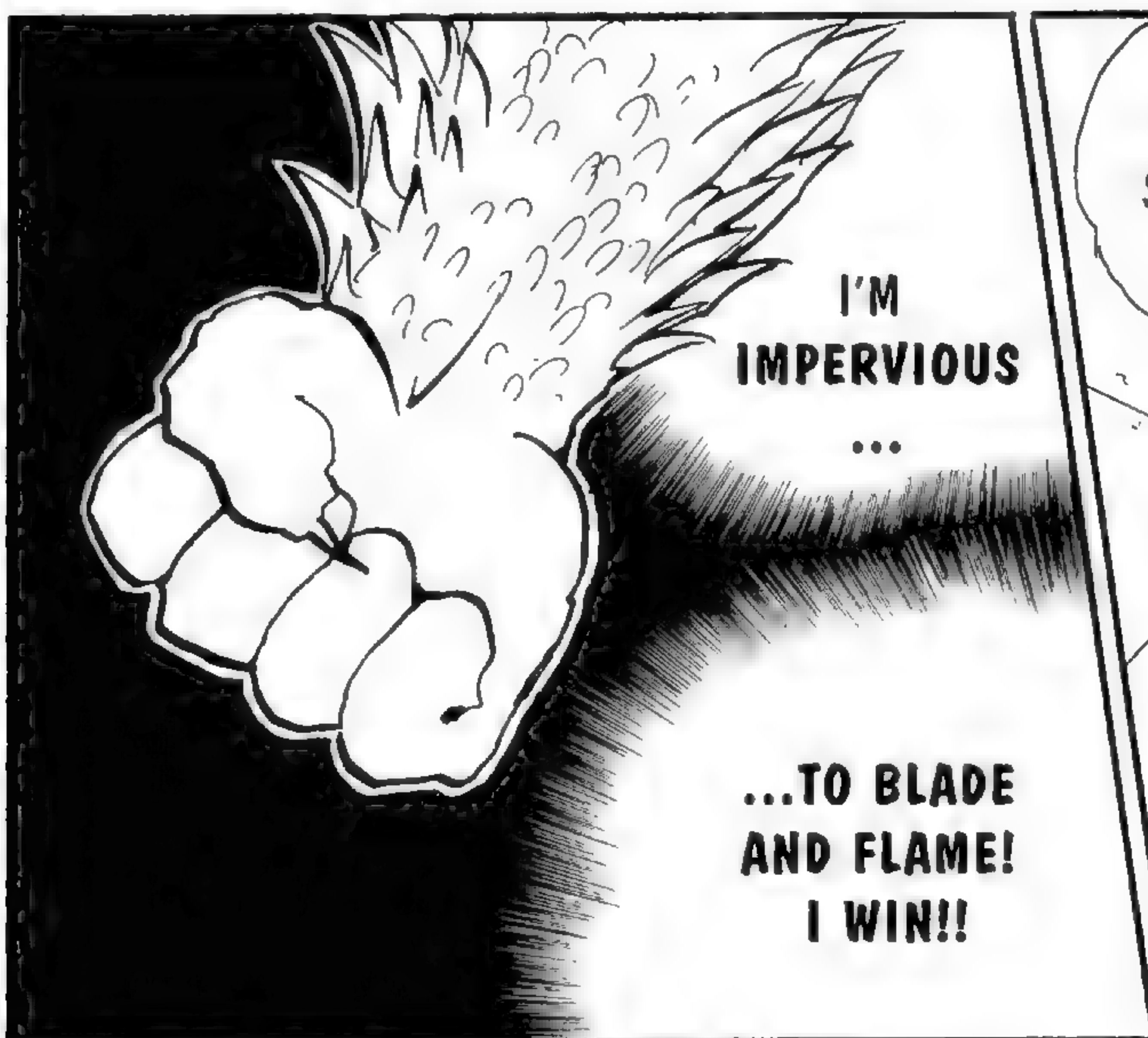




—IN SPEED
AND POWER
NOW!!



HAH!
I BEAT
YOU—



SO IT
SEEMS.



SIMIAN'S ENOUGH
FOR MOST OPPONENTS,
BUT THIS GUY FORCED
ME UP TO AVIAN!
QUITE IMPRESSIVE!



I HAVE
THREE BATTLE
DUMPLINGS—
SIMIAN, AVIAN,
AND CANINE!!

...BUT THAT'S
PROBABLY
NOT WISE!
HE MIGHT FIND
A STRATEGY!!



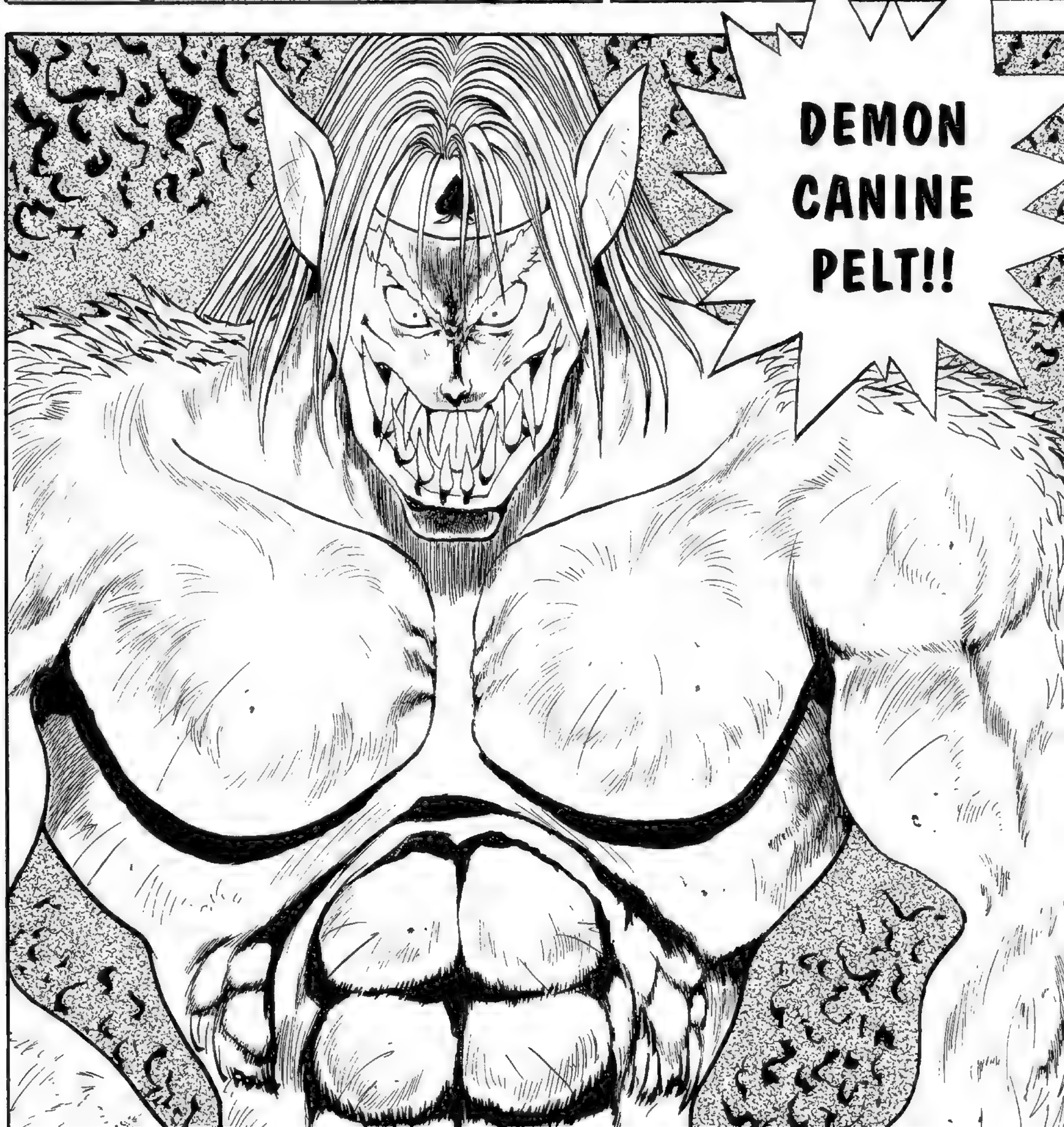
I COULD
TAKE MY
TIME WITH
HIM NOW...

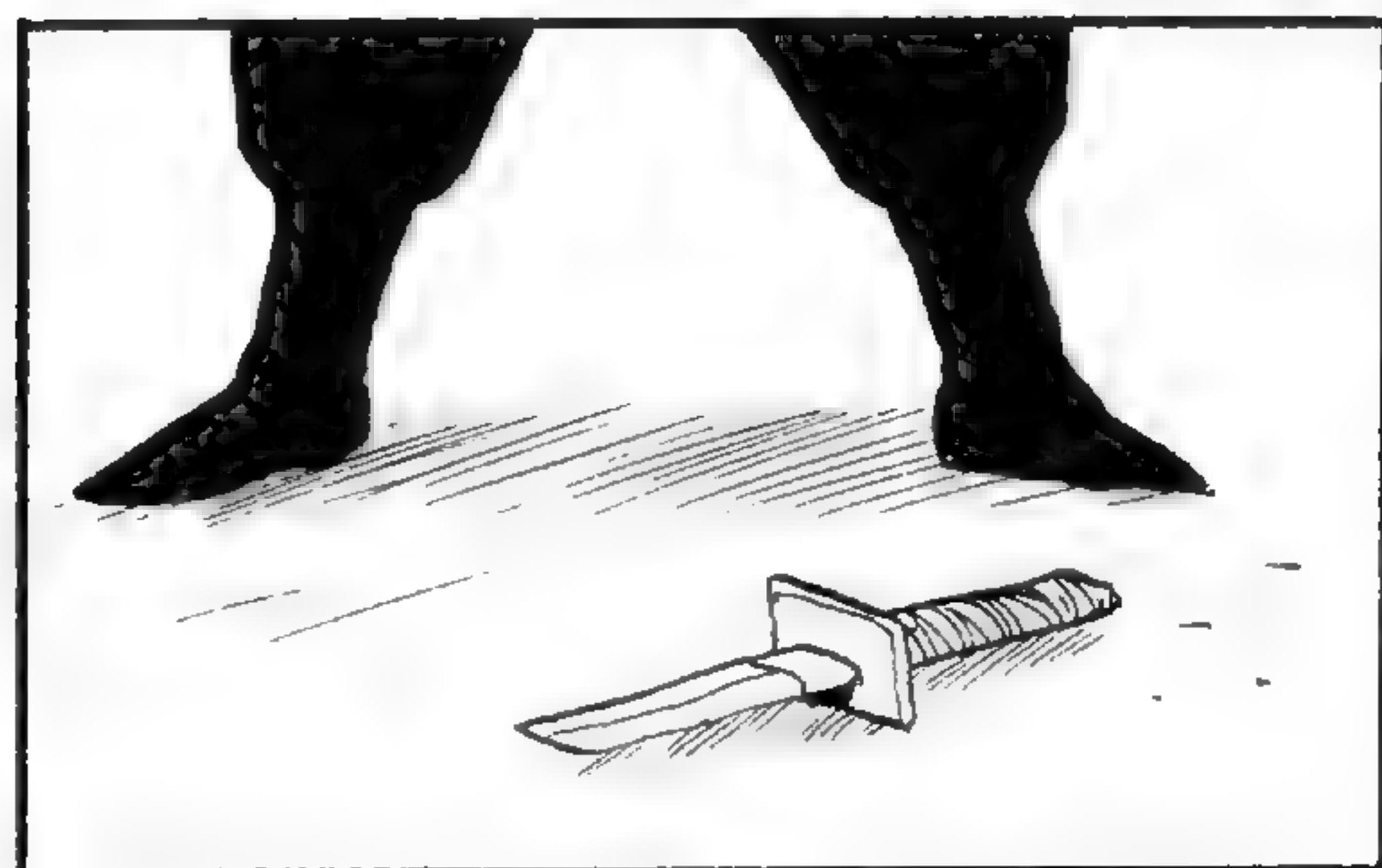


BUT I WON'T
TAKE CHANCES!
I'LL SEAL YOUR
DEFEAT!!

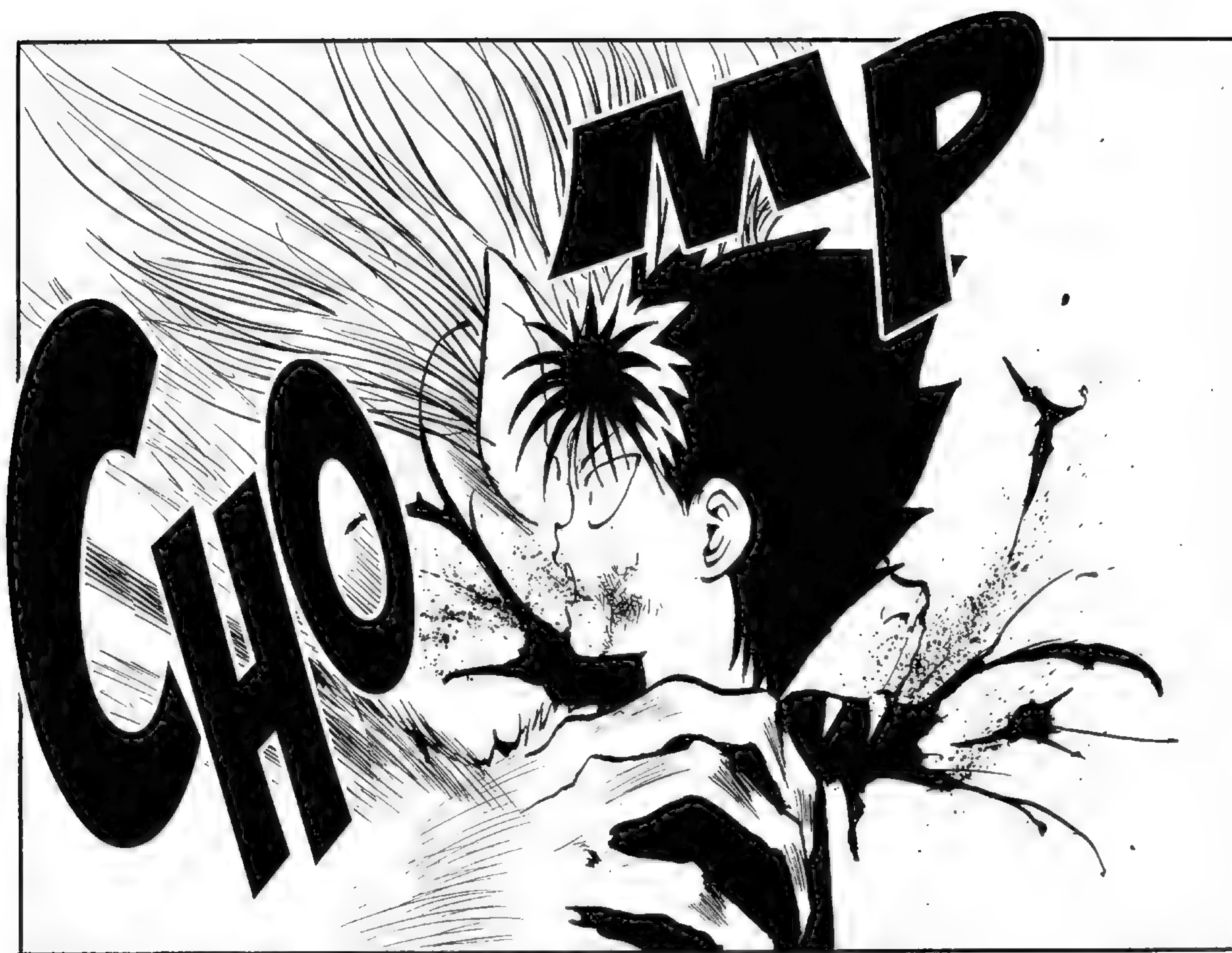
HEH HEH...
GUESS
YOU'RE
STUMPED,
HUH!



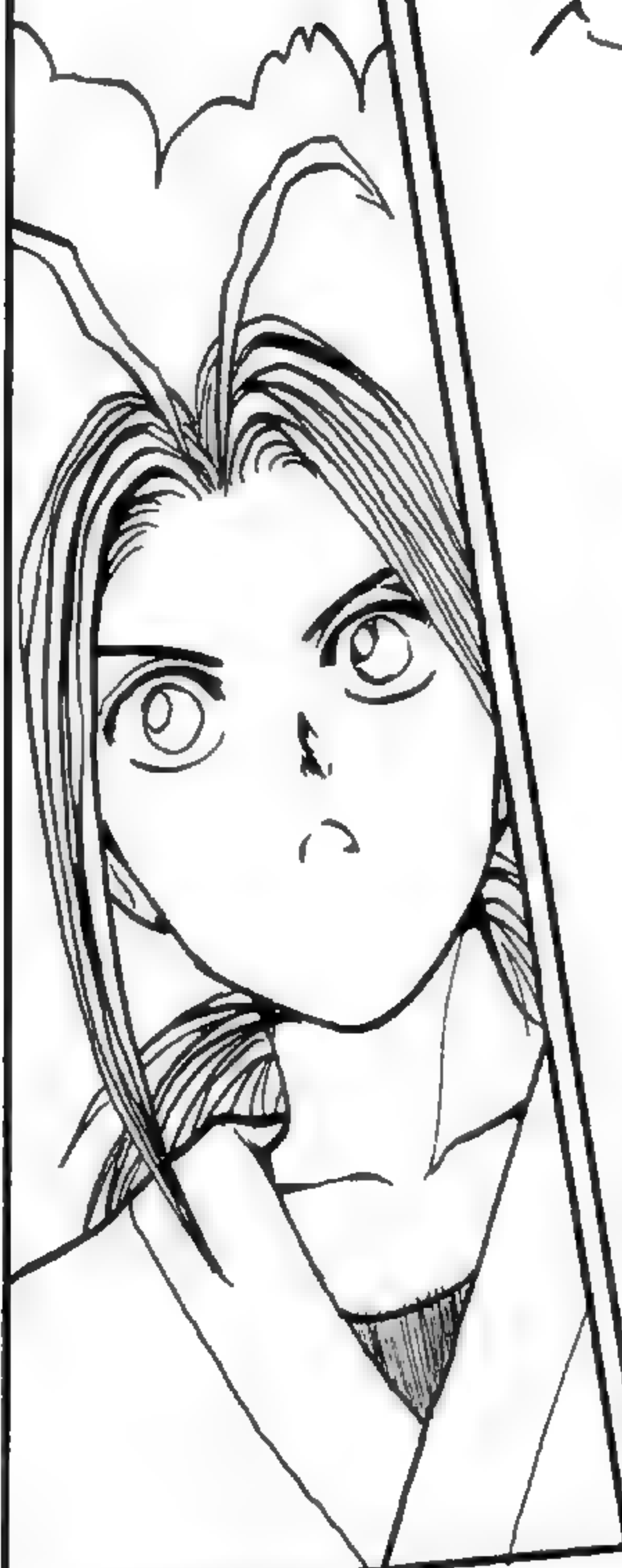








WHAT
IN—?!



BLAZING
ooo

...SWORD
OF THE
OVERLORD!!



NOT JUST ANY FLAME!!
HE INTEGRATED IT WITH HIS
AURA TO CREATE A SWORD EDGE
KEEN ENOUGH TO SLICE THROUGH
PEACH BOY'S ARMORED HIDE! I'VE
NEVER SEEN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE
DISPLAY OF COMBAT INSTINCTS!



A FLAME
SWORD?!

YOU DIDN'T
LIKE USING AN
ABILITY THAT
RESEMBLED
MINE?!

...HANG
ON A
SEC!!

UM...

...EXCEPT
MINE'S A
CANDLE, HIS
IS A BLOW-
TORCH!

TH-THAT
LOOKED LIKE
MY AURA
SWORD...

...GOT
IT IN
ONE!

HEH...





WHEN THE MAGIC BOX OPENS!!



POISON
PEACH BOY'S OUT
OF THE FIGHT!
ANOTHER WIN
FOR HIEI!



HIEI SLICED
PEACH BOY
WIDE OPEN,
FOLKS! WHAT A
CONTENDER!

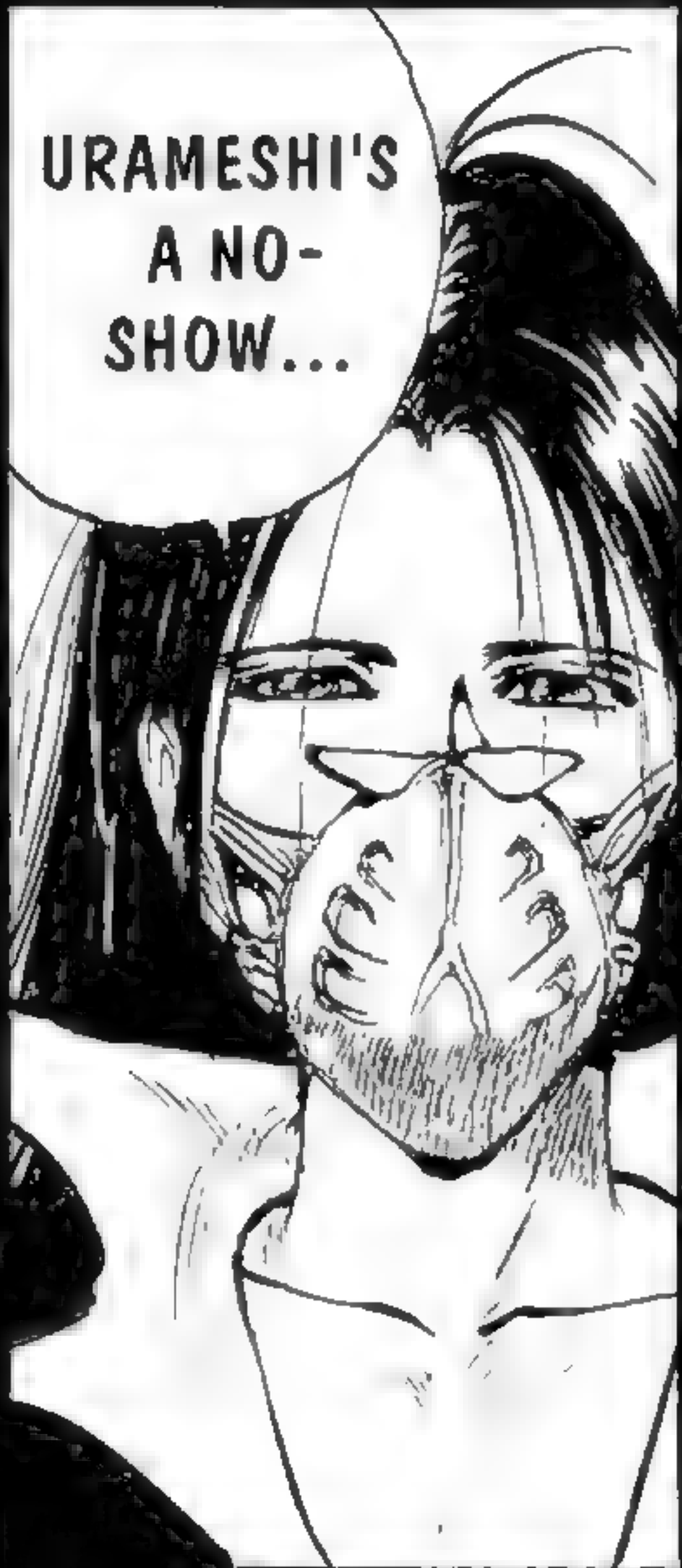


NEARLY
AIN'T ENOUGH!
CAN'T ANYONE
NAIL THIS
BRAT?

HOUNDS
OF HADES!
HE NEARLY
DID IT!



URAMESHI'S
A NO-
SHOW...



...HE'S
TRYING TO
PUMP
HIMSELF
UP.



I'M
GUESSING
...

TOSS



THIRD
TIME'S
THE
CHARM.

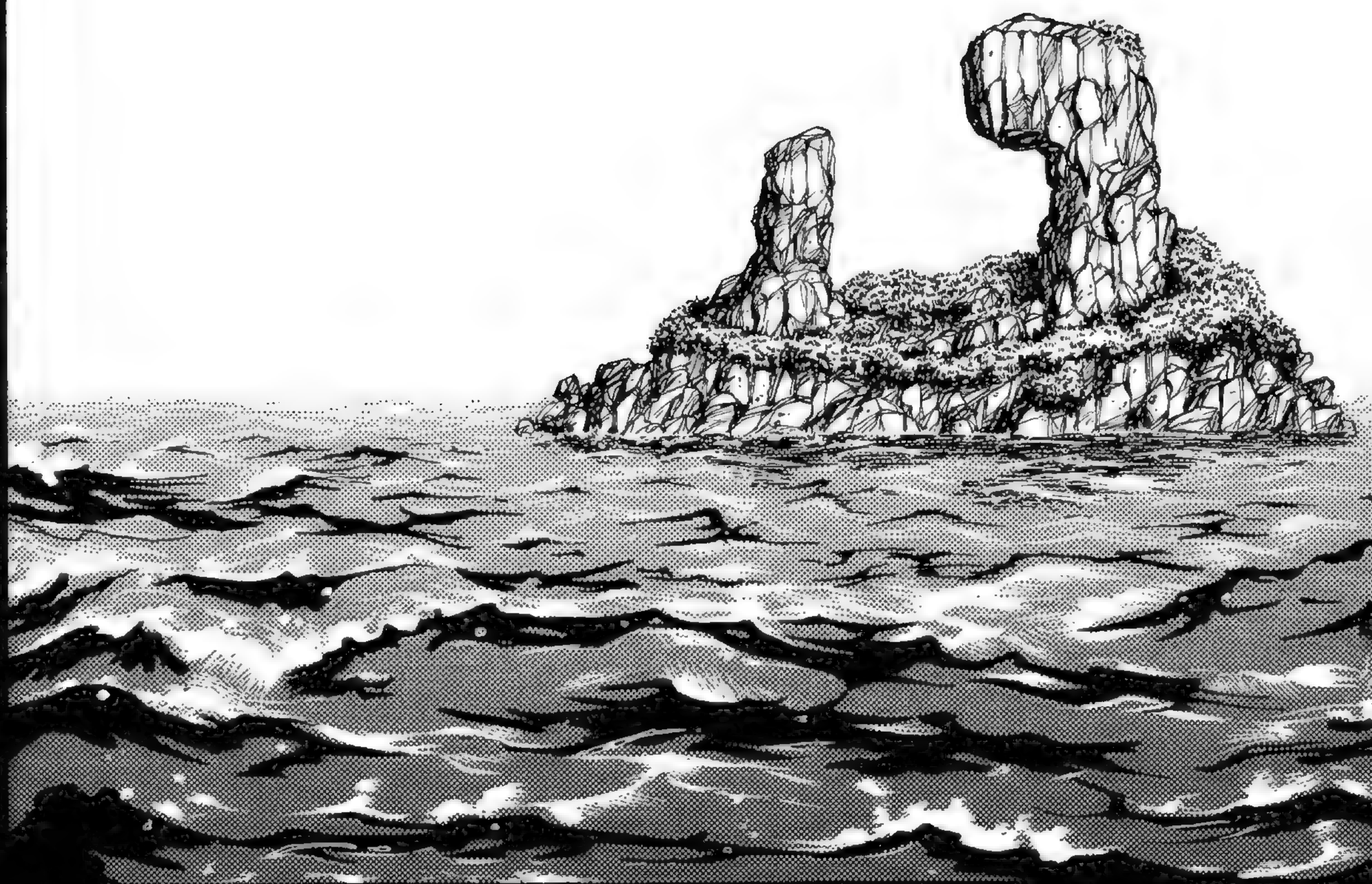


ROLL 'EM
AGAIN.

I'D
LIKE THE
FINAL
MATCH,
SO...



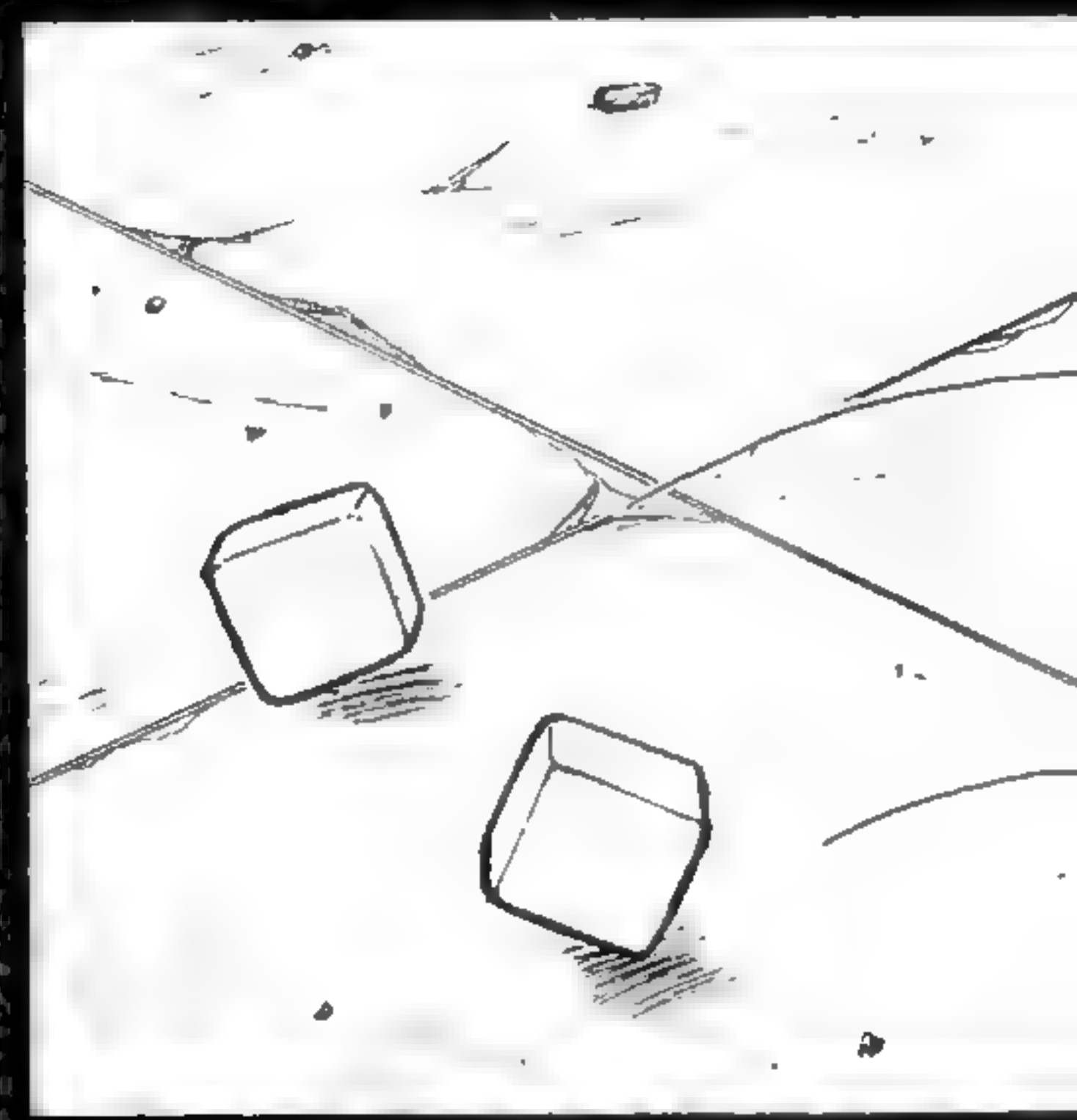
WHEN THE MAGIC BOX OPENS!!

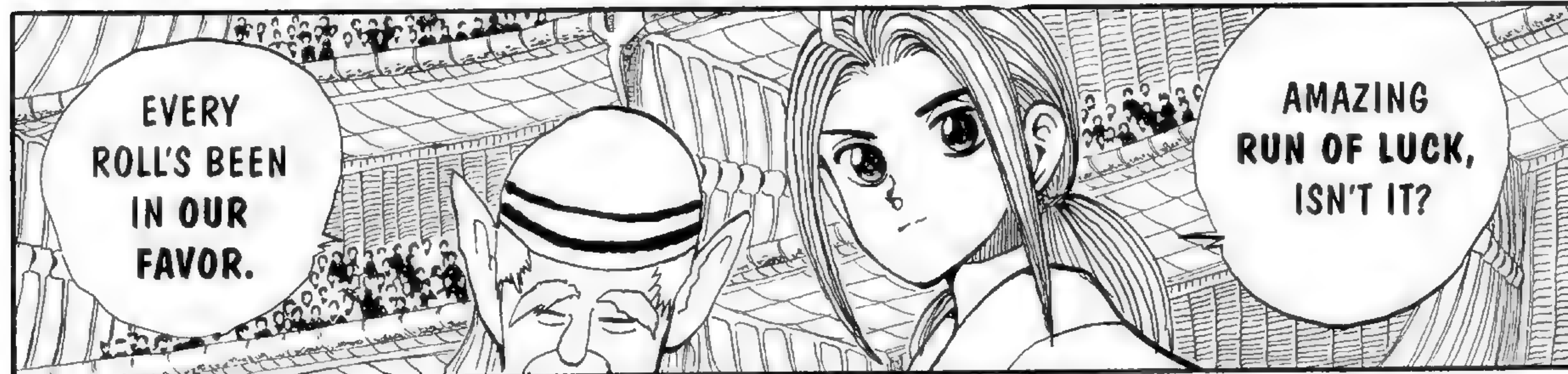
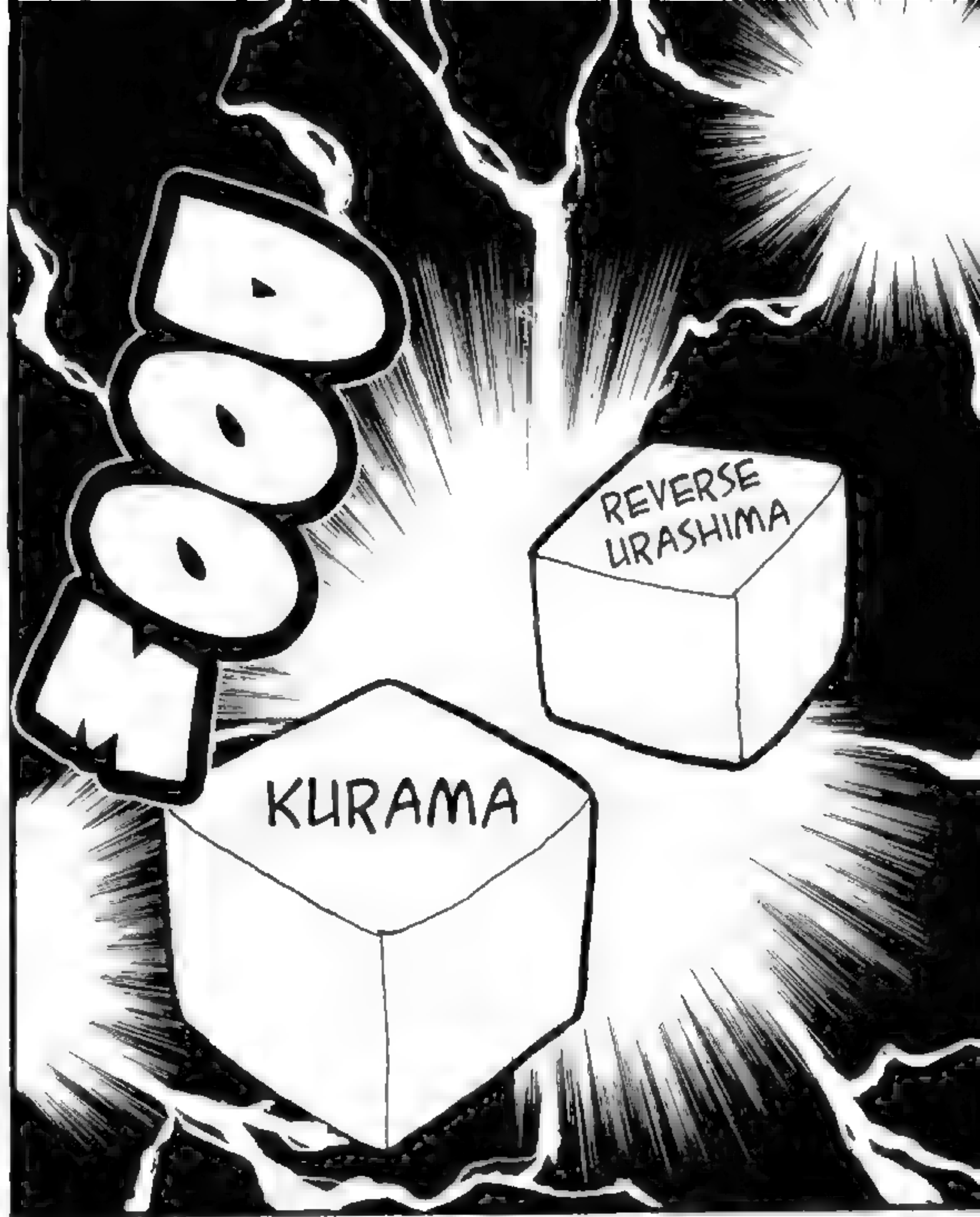


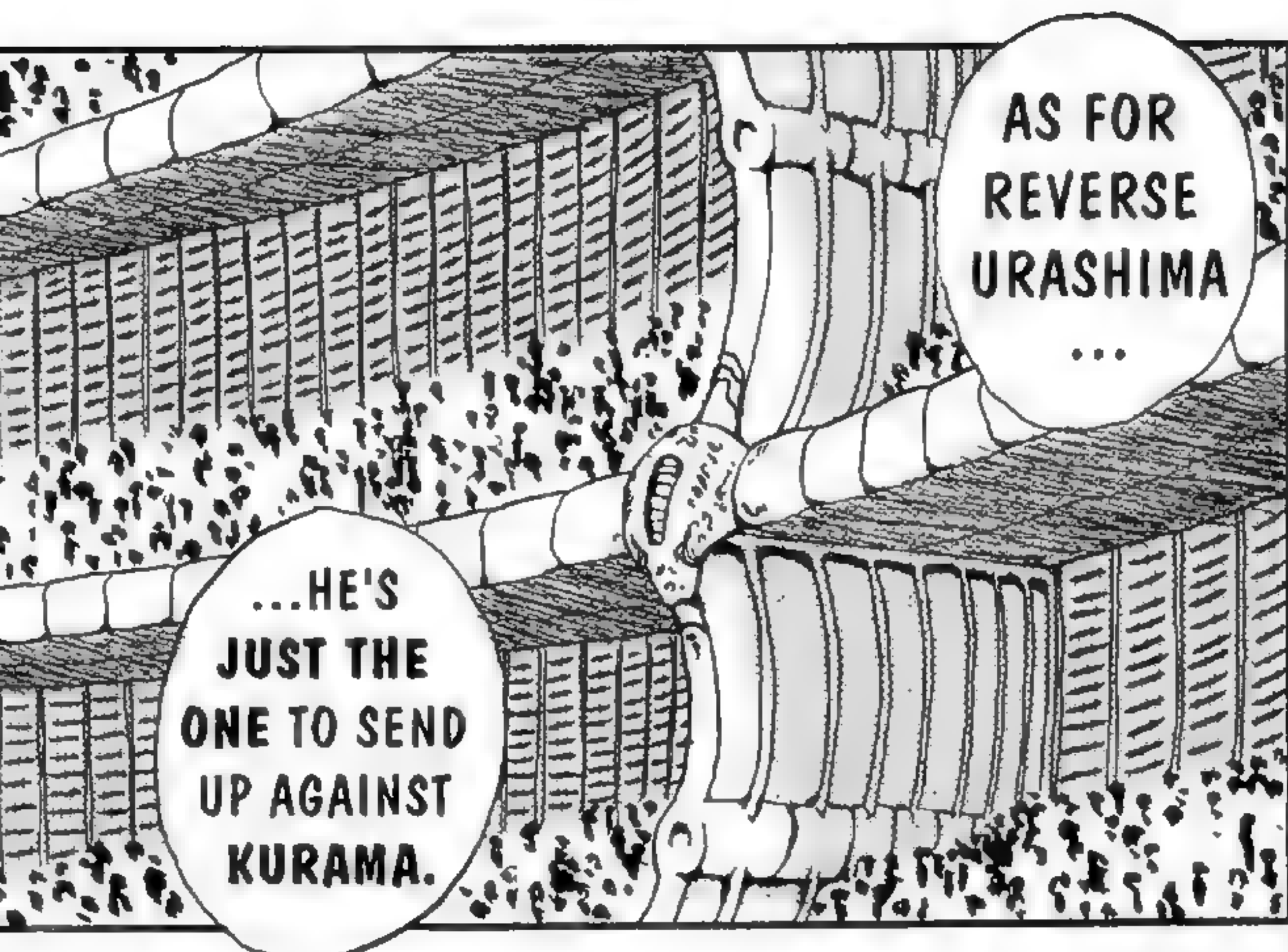
...DON'T
ROLL
ME!



ROLL ME!

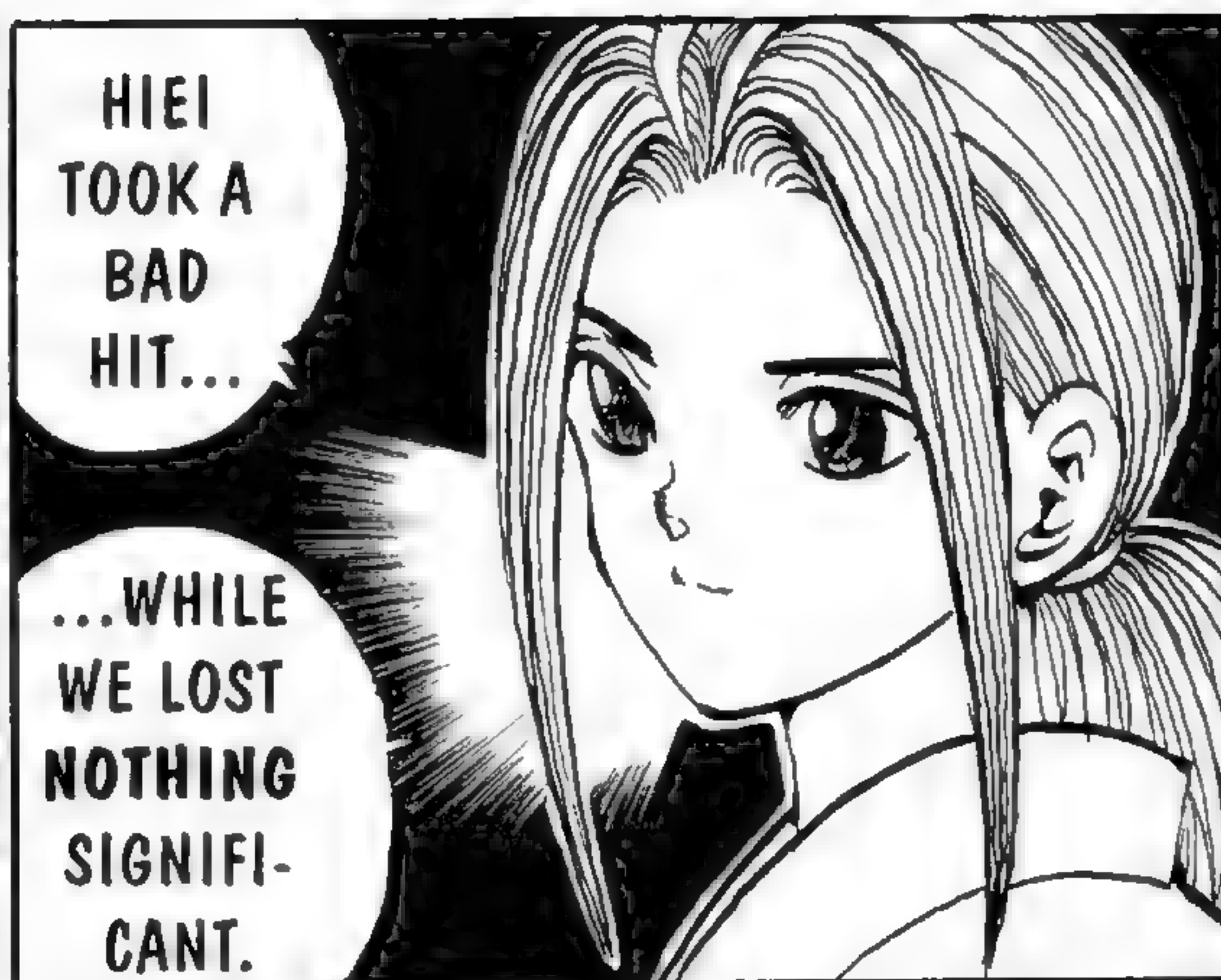






AS FOR
REVERSE
URASHIMA
...

...HE'S
JUST THE
ONE TO SEND
UP AGAINST
KURAMA.



HIEI
TOOK A
BAD
HIT...

...WHILE
WE LOST
NOTHING
SIGNIFI-
CANT.

BEGIN!!



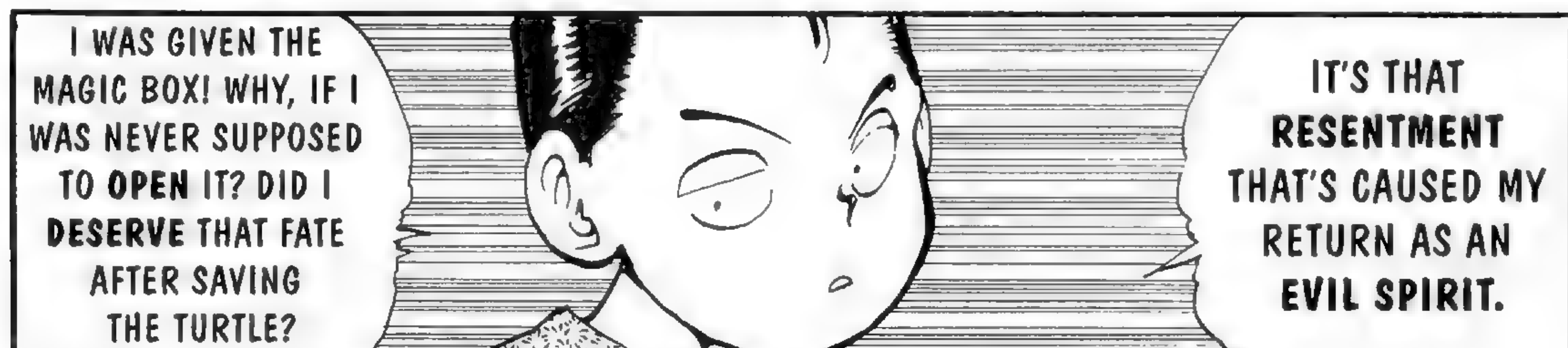
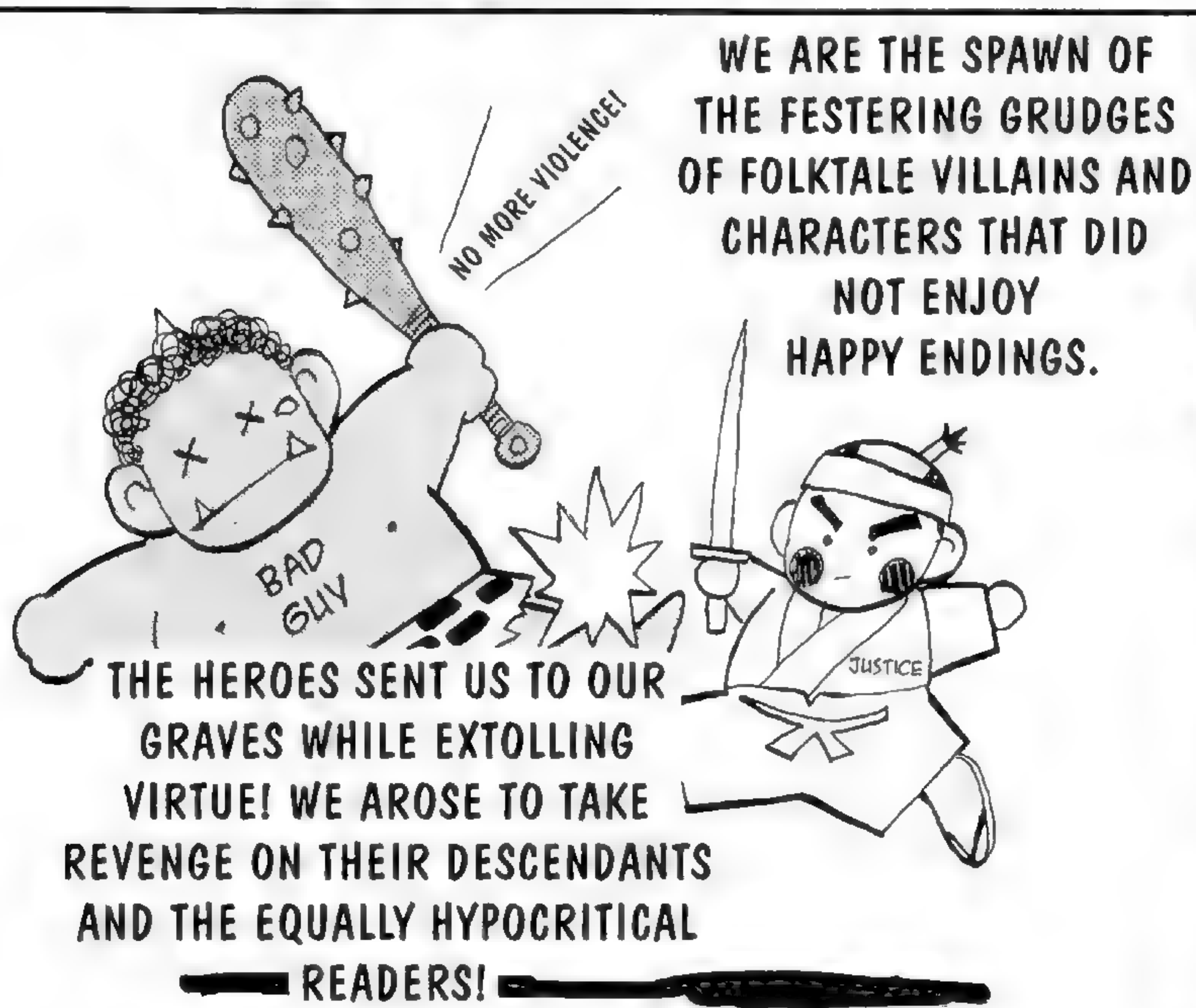
HAH!

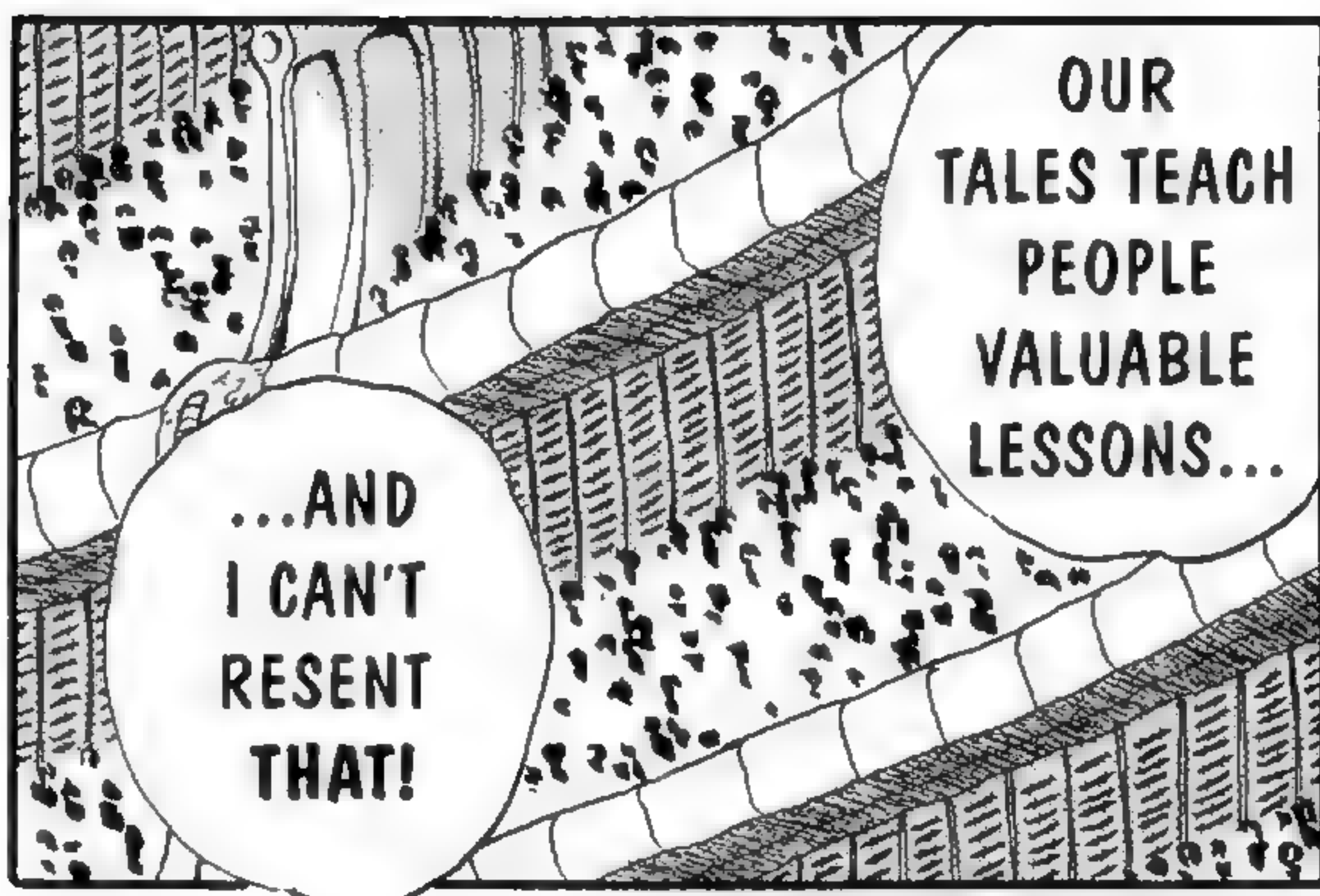


THIS COULD
TURN INTO AN
EXCITING
TEST OF
RELATIVE
SKILL!

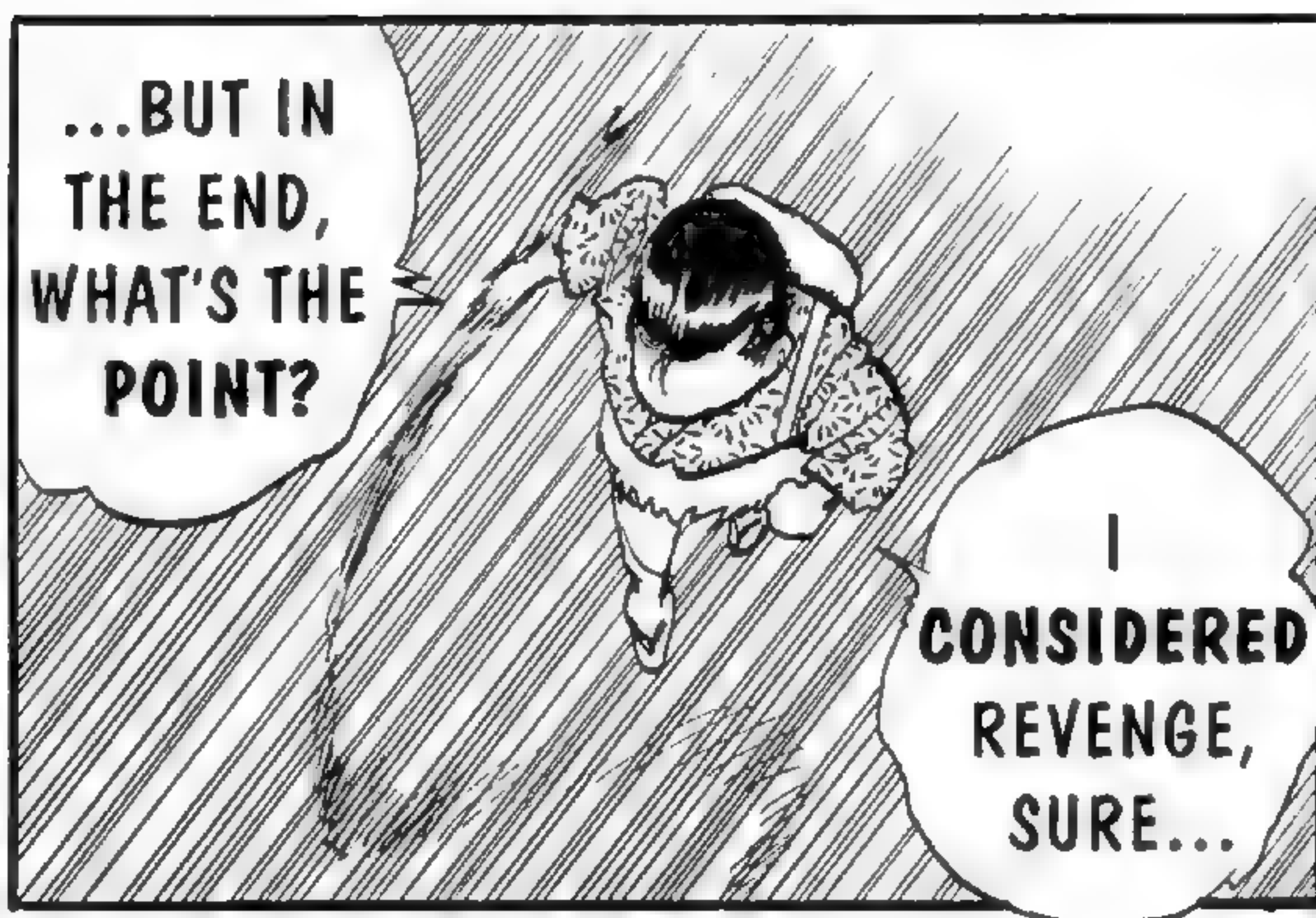
CONTESTANTS
ARE
WIELDING
SIMILAR
WEAPONS!







OUR
TALES TEACH
PEOPLE
VALUABLE
LESSONS...



...BUT IN
THE END,
WHAT'S THE
POINT?

I
CONSIDERED
REVENGE,
SURE...



.....



I'LL
PLAY
ALONG...

...BUT
I'LL PASS
ON DOING
YOU IN.



YOU
ATTACK,
I'LL
TRIP...

...AND
THAT'LL
BE YOUR
CUE TO DO
ME IN.



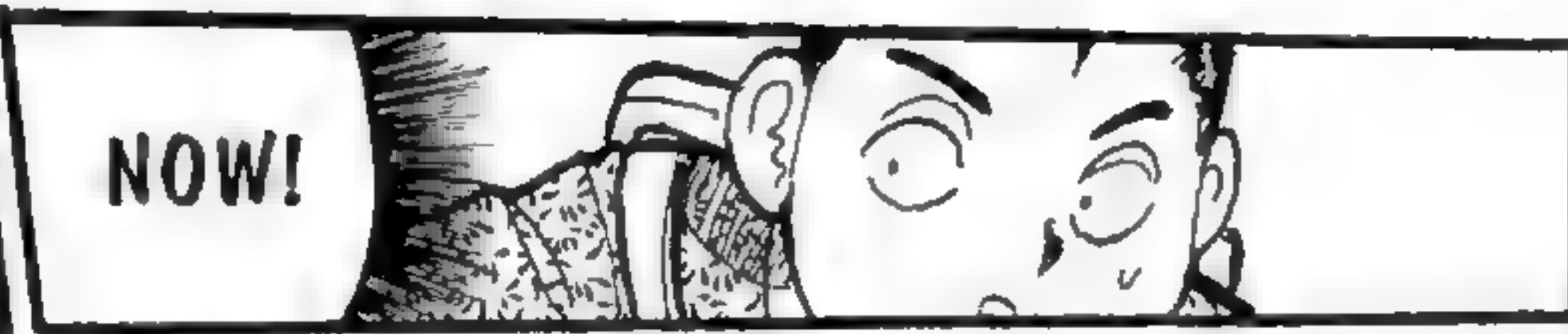
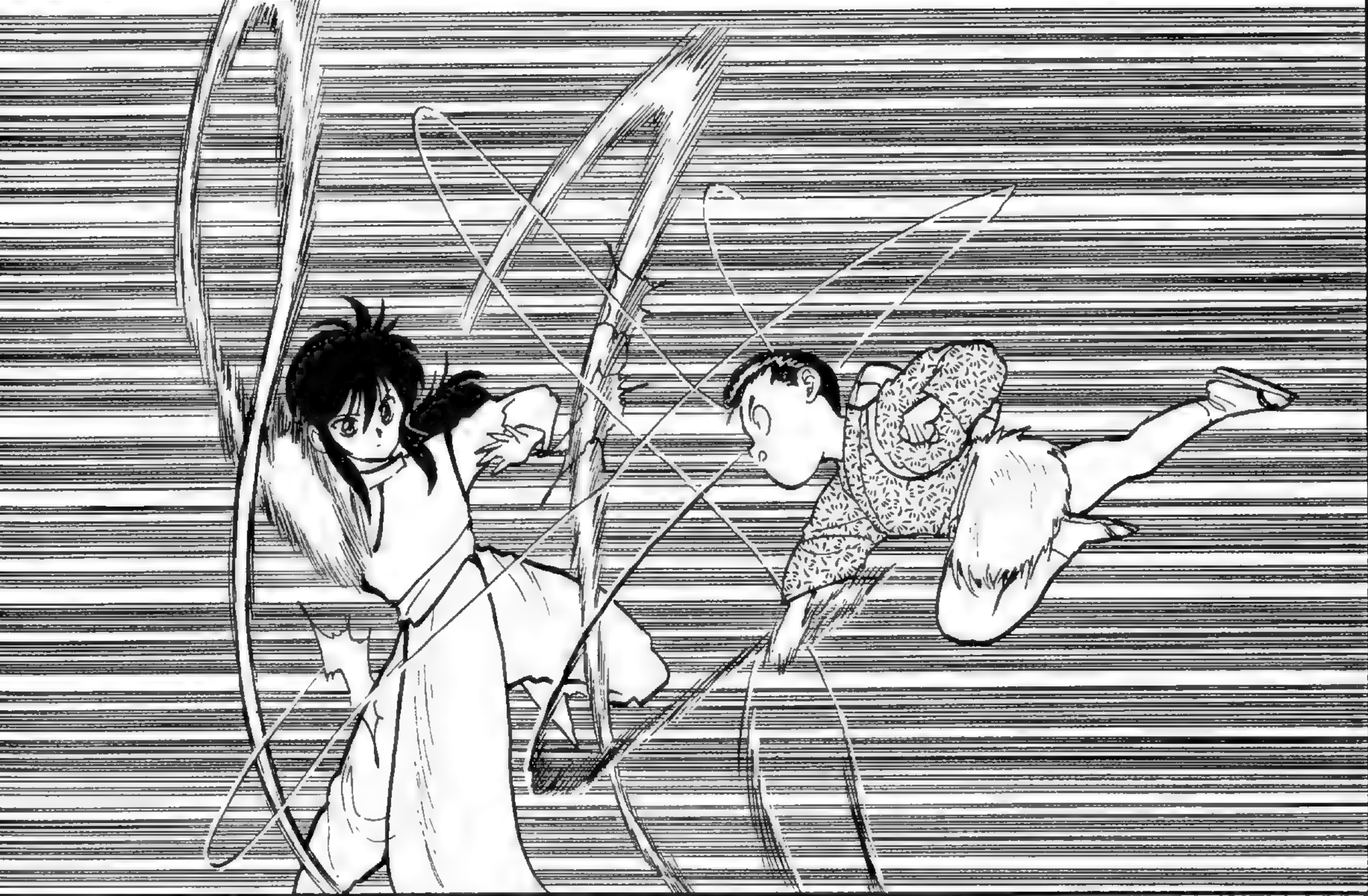
YOU
REALLY ARE
NICE.

.....

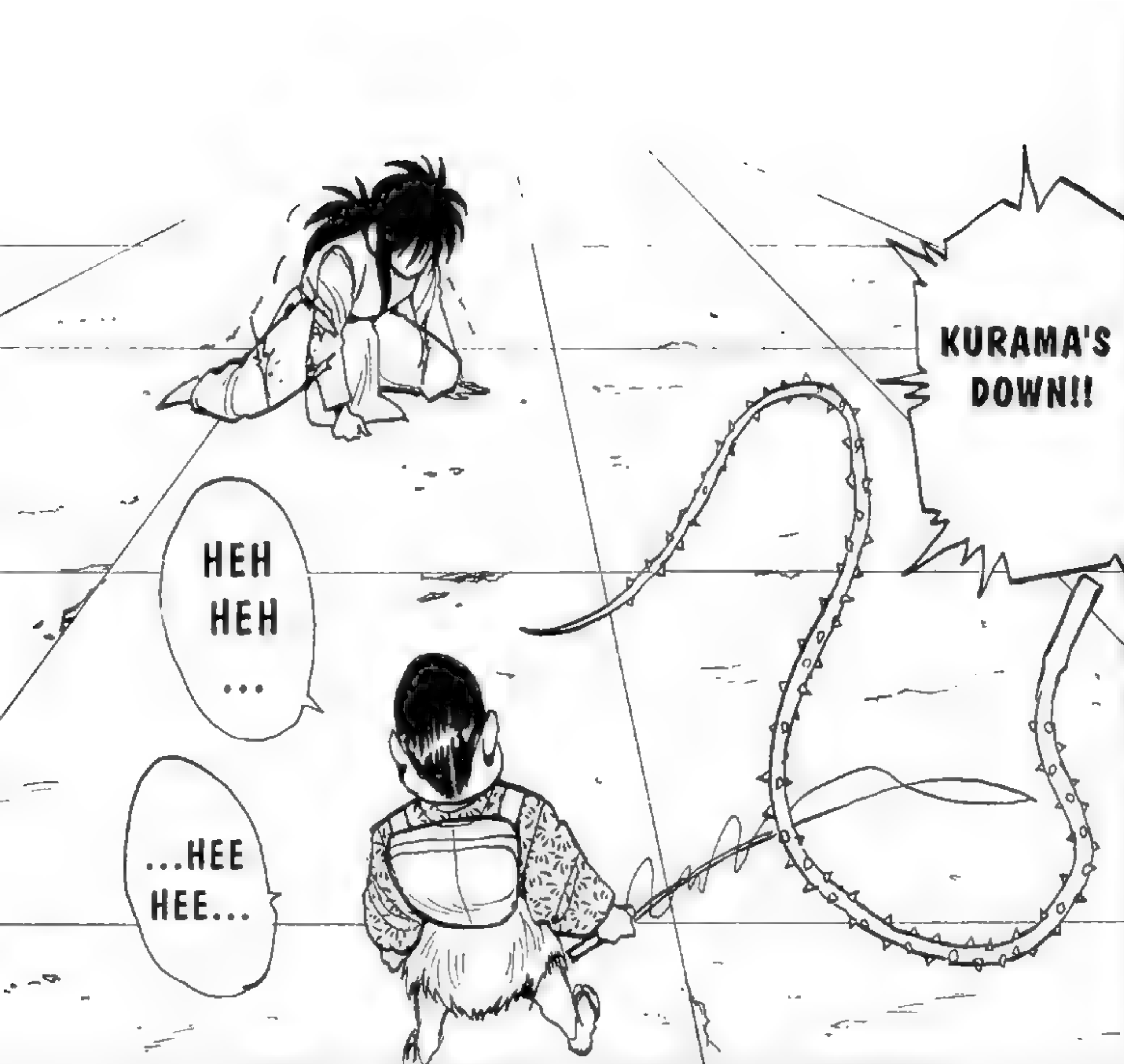


I DID.
SO CAN
YOU!

FIND
A NEW
PURPOSE
IN LIFE.







KURAMA'S
DOWN!!

HEH
HEH
...

...HEE
HEE...



URF!!



NICE GUYS
FINISH LAST, YOU
MORON! DON'T
YOU KNOW THAT?!

...HA HA HA!
UNBELIEVABLE!
YOU ACTUALLY
FELL FOR THAT!!



.....

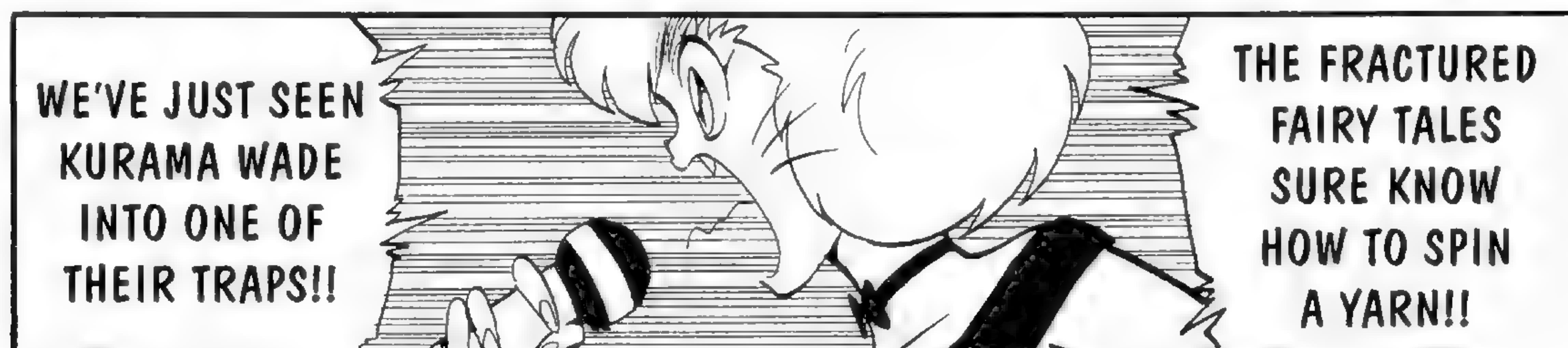


Y'SEE,
PURE EVIL
NEVER HAS A
CHANGE OF
HEART.

SMART, BUT
A SUCKER
FOR SOB
STORIES,
I GUESS.



HEH...



WE'VE JUST SEEN
KURAMA WADE
INTO ONE OF
THEIR TRAPS!!

THE FRACTURED
FAIRY TALES
SURE KNOW
HOW TO SPIN
A YARN!!



AND
SERVES
YOU
RIGHT!

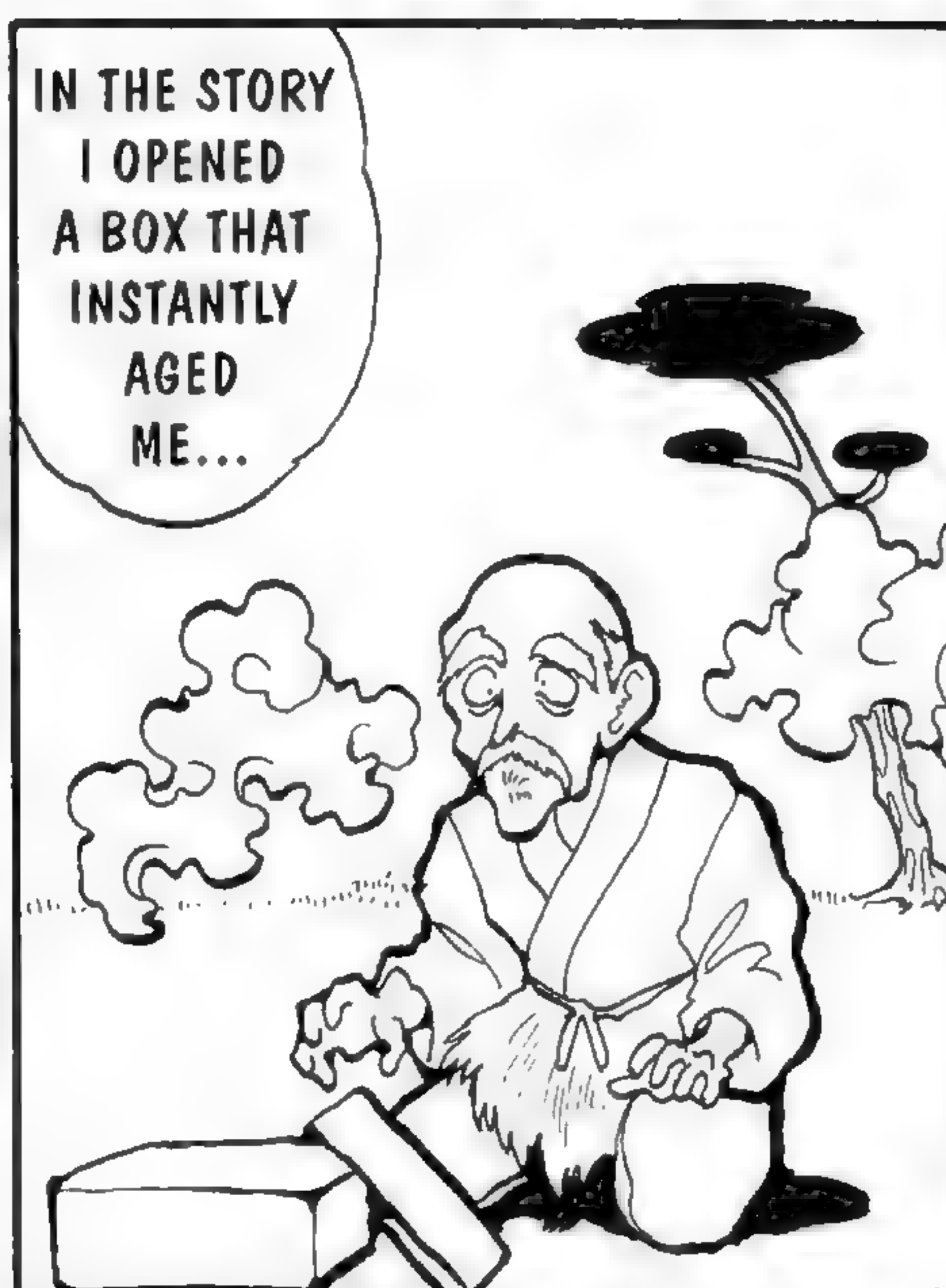


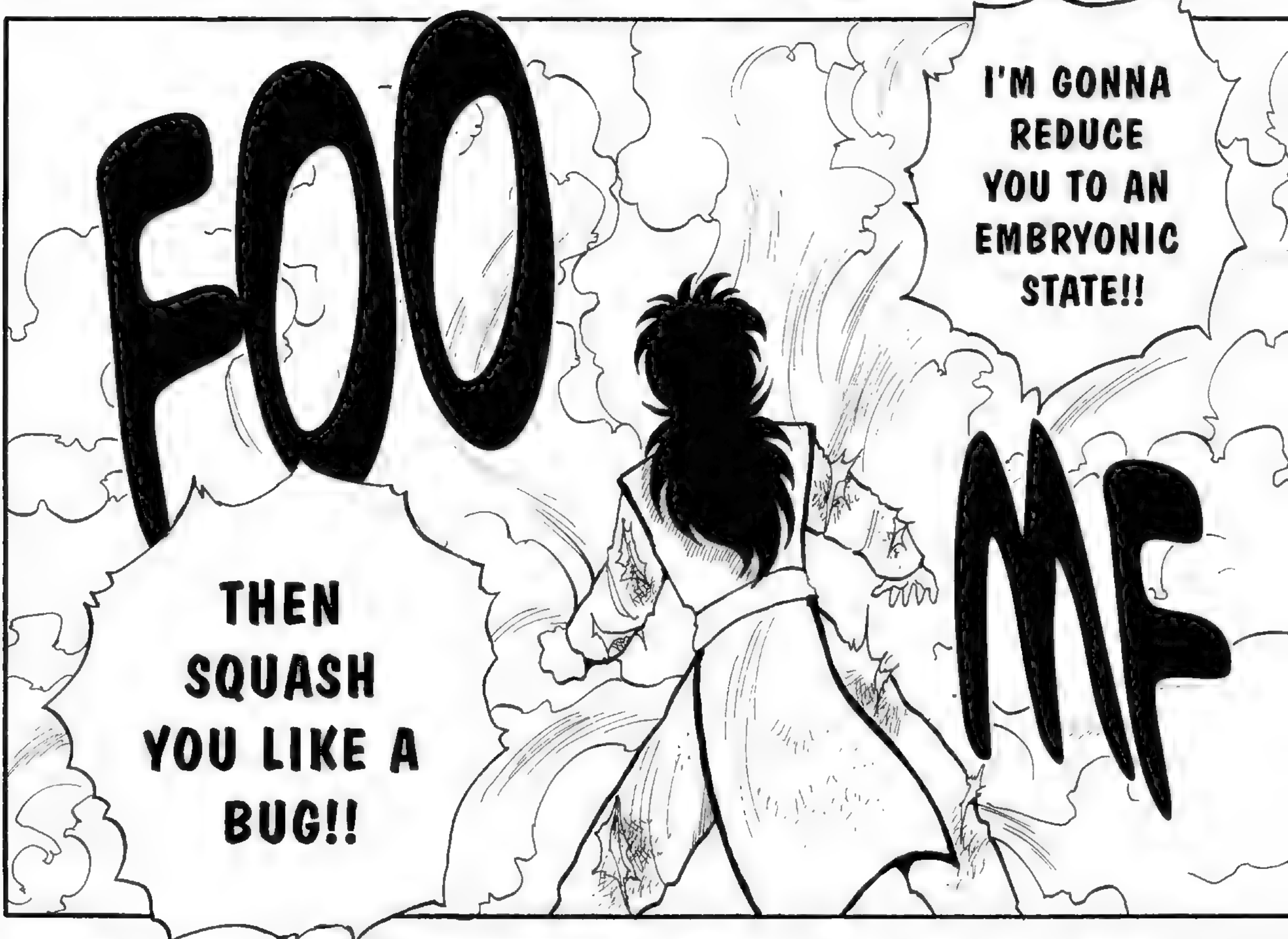
...YOU'D
SEE WHAT
I WAS UP
TO.

AH...I
WONDERED
WHEN...

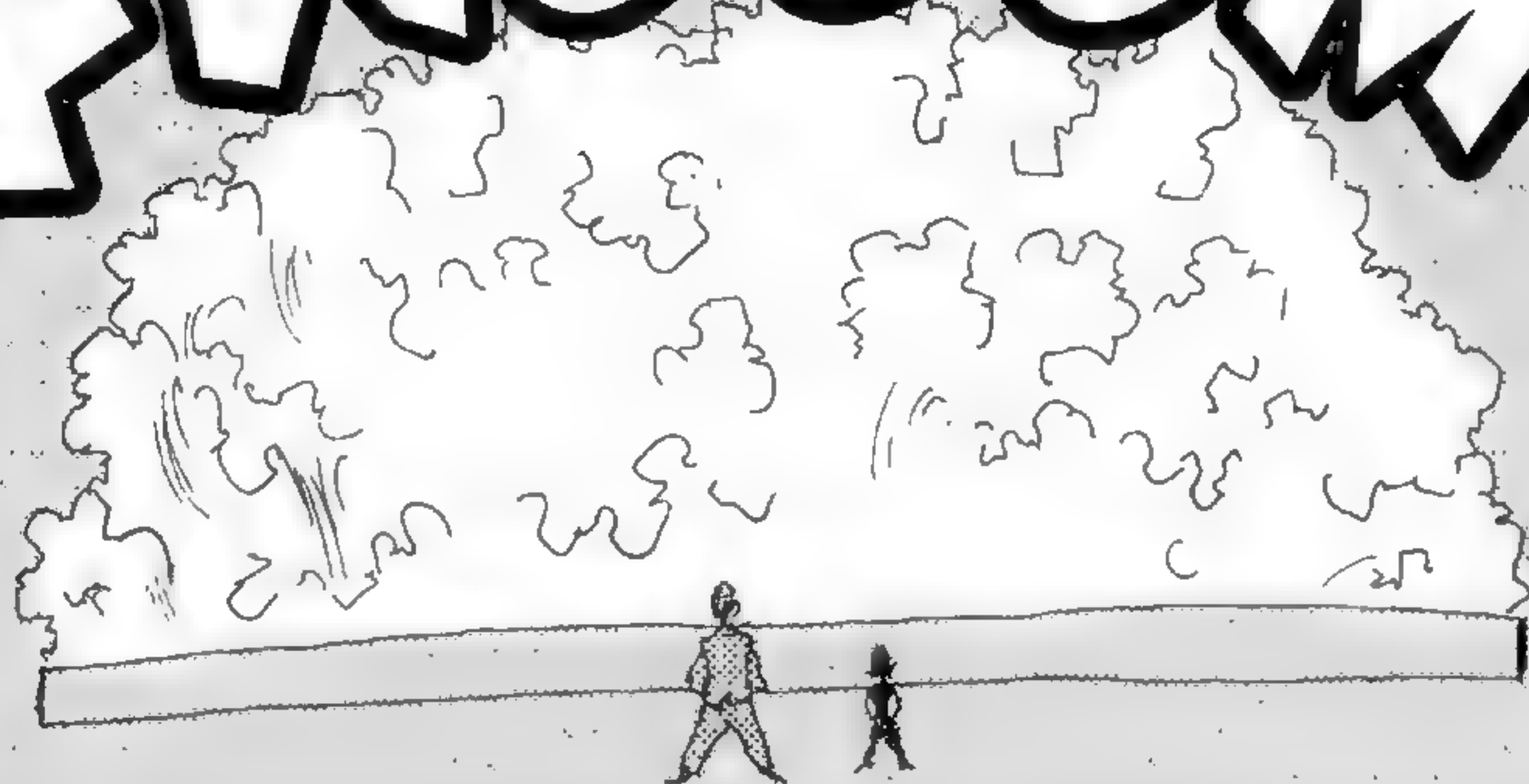


YOU'RE
NOW PENNED
IN BY
MY FORCE
FIELD.





FWOOOM



KOFF...

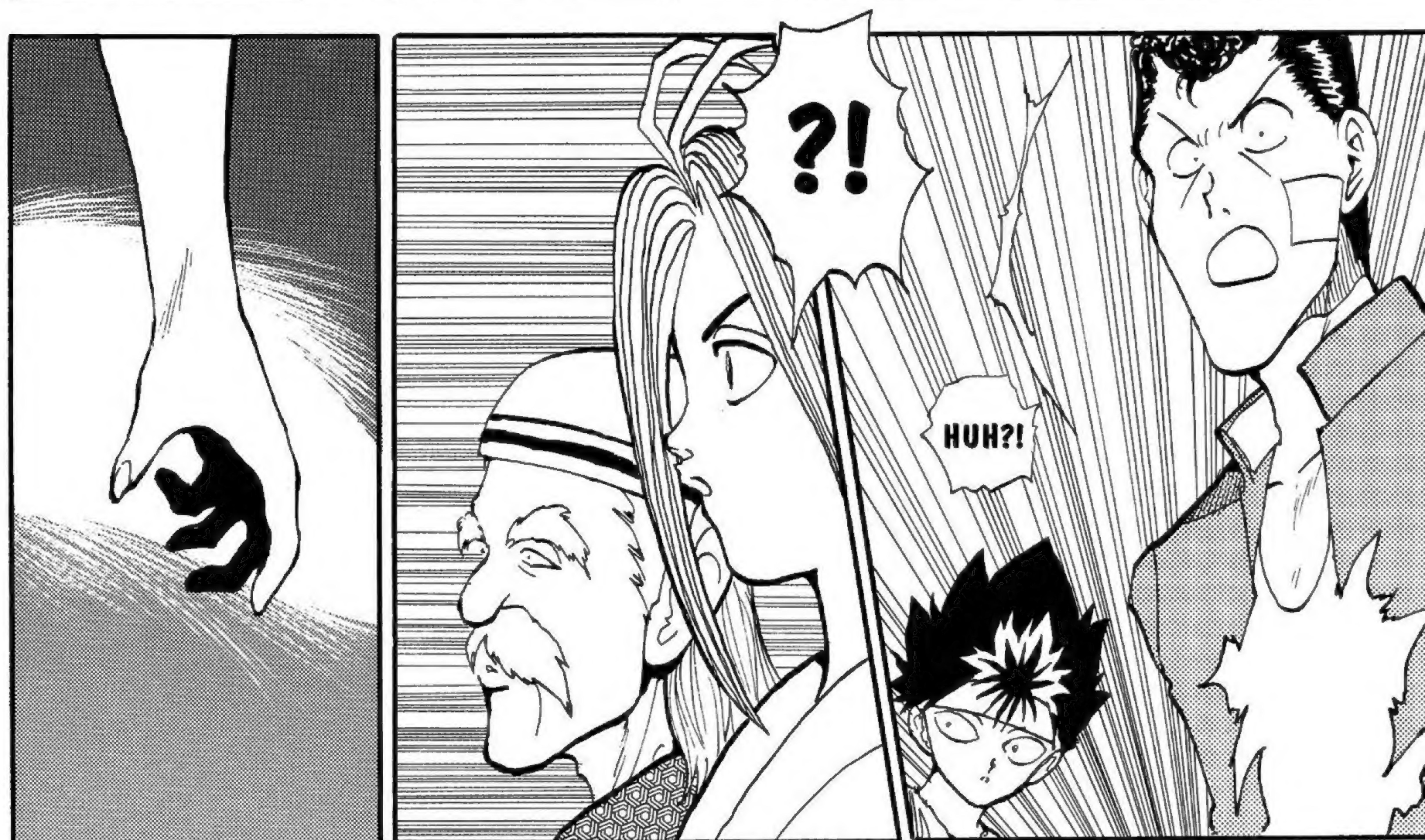
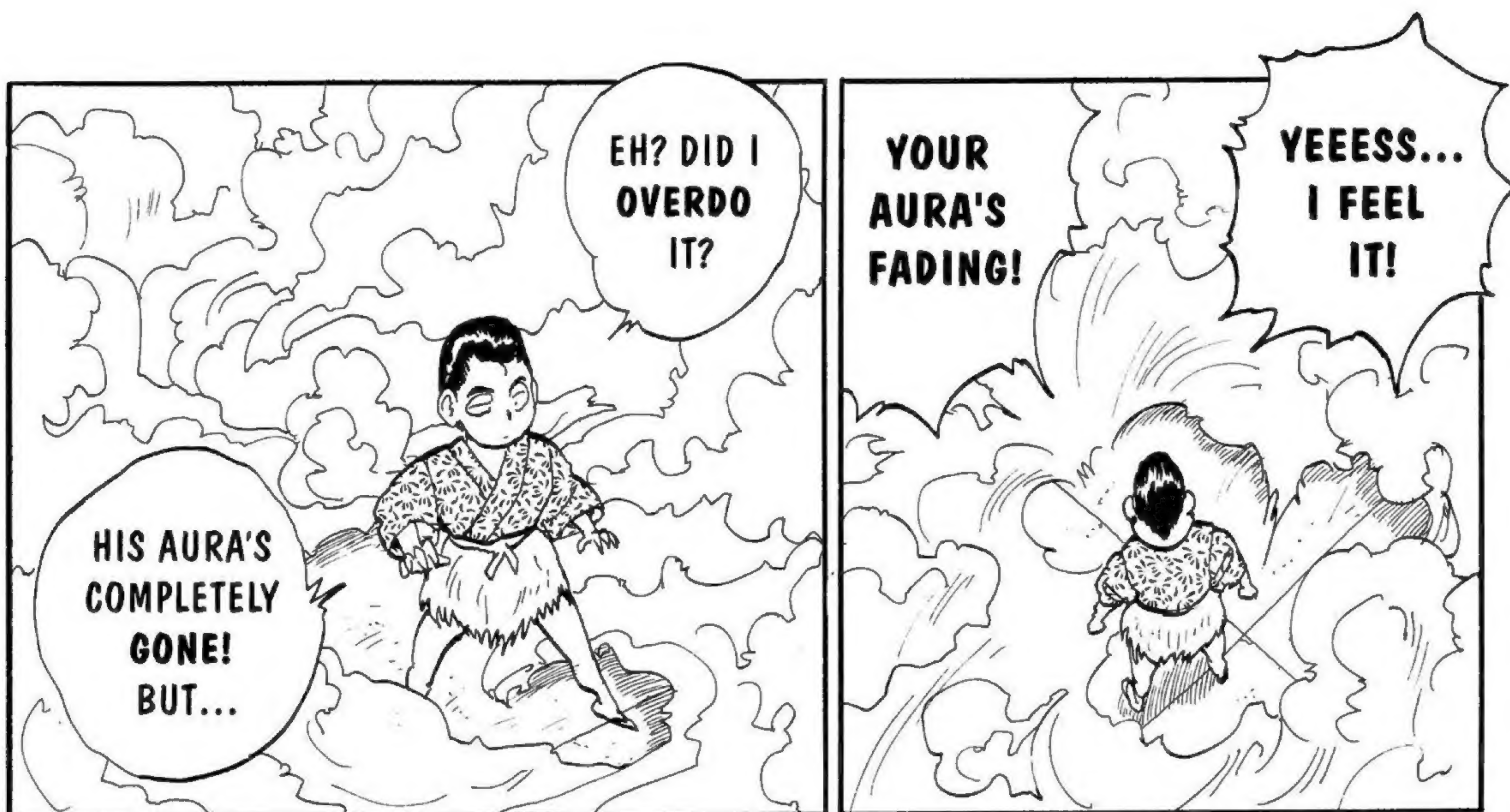


IT'S BEING
CONTAINED BY
THE FORCE
FIELD.



THAT SMOKE'S
STAYING IN THE
RING!









**...OF
THE FOX
DEMON!**

WHEEOOOO

